March 2017

Low Range Ramblin'

a publication of:

Inland Empire 4 Wheelrs

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WHO IS IE4W?

The 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!

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

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 following 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 meetings 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).

After fulfilling the membership qualifications, an applicant will be admitted into membership after receiving a positive 2/3rds- majority vote of the members at a regular membership meeting in closed session. 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 Webmaster

President's Corner

Presidents Message

Last year in the March Presidents Message I mentioned how wonderful the weather was for Bobs Calico run. I think most would agree this year leading up to the weekend was a bit different. Bob, how about a do over?

Is everybody ready? That is for this year's up and coming 20th annual Big Bear Forest Fest. Let's all give Mike Moore and his crew all the help we can in making this year's event the best ever. Again, we need help from *all* club members to make this event a success.

I would like to thank Jim Sloan for staying on as our newly created Adopt-A-Trail (AAT) position "Flatland Coordinator". Jim (and Sue) will be representing us at the quarterly meetings. Jim will be Co-Chairing the position with Mike Ortega our "Mountain Top Coordinator" Thank you both for stepping up.

Let's don't forget that y'all have been deputized buy our newly appointed Sheriff, Jim Miller. It is now your duty to "Rat Out" any wrong doings of the past events. You can do this anonymously at sheriff@ie4w.com

Bill Henry

President IE4W

IE4W Business Meeting – February 2, 2017 – 7:00 pm

Open Meeting
Called to order by President Bill Henry at CrossWalk
Terry McNeill led the Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Guests
The guests in attendance were as follows: Robert Berg of Orange, Curtis & Stephanie Holt of Grand Terrace, John Dunlap of Riverside, John & Lynnda Kelly of Twin Peaks, John & Angie Maneth of Highland, Greg Silver of Eastvale, Mark Andrews of Riverside and David Wronka of Yucaipa.

Approval of Minutes
Motion to approve the minutes for January 5, 2016 as published on-line, on the website and in the Low Range Ramblin'. Motion carried.

Reports
Secretary - Laura Hertel present – Reminder to turn in your trip reports and signed waiver forms. Sign in sheets will be passed around after the break beginning February in hopes that it will keep people from leaving the meeting at break and still getting credit for attendance.
Treasurer - Mike Moore present – The club started January with $36,576.33. During the past month
income was $289.50 and expenditures were $2,309.66. The club ended the month of January with
$34,556.17. Expenditures included 2017 rent to CrossWalk for building usage. New bills were presented and accepted.
Vice President – Teri Patterson present – no land use report or VP updates.
Merchandise - Peggy Ogaz present – The club requested that 5 zipper flag holders and 5 yellow flags
be ordered. The order will be placed directly with the manufacture. MSC.
Membership & Public Relations - Monica Ortega present. Monica reminded visitors to stay in touch with her regarding new membership status.
Hospitality – Barbara Bongiorno present – Barbara reported that all is going well with hospitality. She shared that Roxann Stockburger will be starting radiation after the Hammers are over.

Board of Directors

President	Bill Henry president@ie4w.com
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Club Merchandise	Peggy Ogaz house_chair@ie4w.com
Sheriff	Jim Miller sheriff@ie4w.com
Trail Boss	Mike Ortega trailboss@ie4w.com

February 2017 Minutes (Cont.)

Forest Fest – Mike Moore present – Preparations for the 2017 Forest Fest are moving forward. Mike will keep us up to date on the progress.

Round-Up - Jamie Duncanson present. There will be a round-up on February 14. Jamie is still looking for other places to hold the round-up.

AAT - Jim Sloan absent. There will be an AAT meeting March 15 at the Sizzler in Corona.

Newsletter – Char Hart present – Monthly publication is going great.

Historian – Loren Campbell present. No report.

Scholarship – Mallory absent. No report.

Safety – Jerry present – Topic for February safety was about driving safely on icy roads. See the February newsletter for great tips.

Break: Refreshments provided by Chaun & Dani Goldberg. Todd Eves will provide refreshments in March. Come hungry because he's bringing his BBQ.

Past Runs & Events

Superstition Mountain – January 14-15. Mark Ogaz reported on the "Mud Run". 4 members and 3 guests enjoyed rain, mud, sunshine and good jeeping. Read the February newsletter for the full story.
Snow Run – January 22 Steven & Amber Soliz and 2 other club members had fun in the snow along with getting stuck, inching a few yards at a time, chains, and helping stuck vehicles along the way. See the newsletter for the full story.
Holcomb Creek – January 15 Ron Fleming and 7 other club members and 5 guests made several attempts to get to Holcomb Creek. Traffic, snow and mud slides were a part of a fun day on the mountain. See newsletter for more.
Truckhaven – Another fun New Year's spent with friends. This year was special with a Commitment Ceremony for Kevin Rice and Barbara Bongiorno. Day trips were great, and night time fire ring shenanigans were at their best. See the newsletter for full report
Motino Wash/Pre-Run – January 8 Kevin Rice and 2 members and 2 guests. Sunshine and good trails were enjoyed. See newsletter for full report.

Upcoming Club Runs & Events

Cougar Buttes – February 12. See Yahoo groups for more information.
Calico – February 18,19, 2017 – More from Bob on Yahoo groups as time gets closer.
Motino Wash, Rattle Snake – March 11 - See Yahoo groups postings from Kevin Rice for more information on run.
April run - Tom Thompson – Hare and Hound run. – More to follow.
Taboose Creek – Memorial Day weekend – See Yahoo groups postings from Mark Ogaz for more information.

February 2017 Minutes (Cont.)

Old Business
Rick Clay was not able to meet with the contact person at Loma Linda University regarding doctor transport in a disaster setting. He will try to meet with him in February.

New Business

Sheriff's Report –
Jim Miller will be the IE4W sheriff starting at the February meeting. Jim had members stand up and he deputized everyone and made them swear to "rat out" each other. He then pardoned everyone for the wrong doings since the last meeting, and paid the treasurer $20.00 out of his pocket for the fines. Welcome Jim.

Raffle Prizes provided by Teri Patterson. March prizes will be provided by guests John & Angie Maneth.

Present at February 2, 2017 meeting: 37 memberships represented and 11 guests.

Submitted by Laura Hertel, IE4W Secretary

Upcoming Events

Motino Wash	March 11, 2017
AAT Meeting	March 15, 2017
Hare & Hound	April TBD
Taboose Creek	May 23 - 29, 2017

MARCH 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 Bob Peterson Jesse Roller Nick Miller Stone Ortega	2 **IE4W MEETING**	3 **Jerry Burgess**	4 Dani Goldberg	5
6	7 Rick Clay	8 Sue Sloan	9	10 Shelby Hernandez	11 **MOTINO WASH**	12 Sherie Thompson
13	14 **ROUND-UP**	15 **AAT MEETING** Ron Rogers	16	17 **St. Patrick's Day** Ian Nunnally Brandon Lynn Kristian Lee	18	19
20 Ron Lynn	21 Boue & Amy Roller	22 John Harding	23	24 Evan Owen Kevin Dahl Tim & Heidi Kemp	25	26
27	28	29 Kareen Deer Todd Farrell	30 Russ Deer Challyn Strong	31 Larry McRae		

**NOTE FROM EDITOR: Please send any information, trail reports and pictures to the editor @ clubnewsletter@ie4w.com or your can send directly to @ cchart624@yahoo.com . This is the only way to make your Newsletters thrive.

Safety

By, Jerry Burgess

Gee – OH! – Logic – Cal, Right?

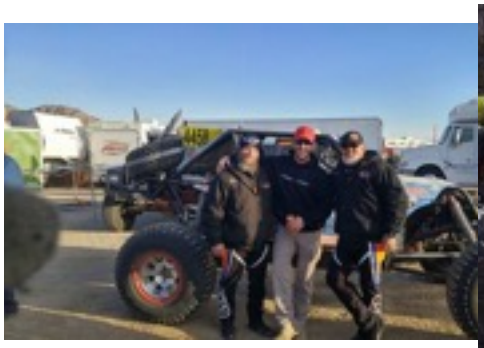
Rain. We wanted it, we need it. Now, it's a good time to consider what consequences too much rain might place on our 4x4 adventures. Consider the obvious – Too much rain, too quickly, and you have flash floods. Interstate 15 below Hwy 138 was washed away from the flooding waters rushing downstream from Cajon Pass. So, I draw your attention to the 4x4 roads you drive in order to ask you to consider the stability of the road base and the hillside below the road with respect to recent flood water damages. You may not see the undercut from your front seat, maybe you can spot the cracking of the roadway as it is beginning to fracture away? Just a point to consider, or you may end up at the bottom of the slope like the picture of the fire truck.

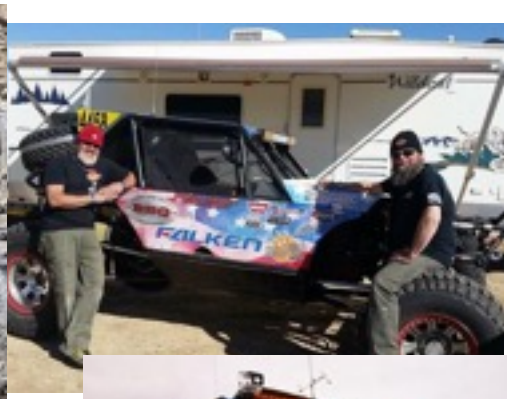
Trees, after years of drought have weakened their stability against wind or ground changes. Here in Southern California, we have the Santana Winds hitting right after the rains causing downed trees. Watch for Snags and fallen or falling trees while in windy conditions after the rains while driving in the forest.

Safety (Cont.)

Our land upon which we drive is in constant flux over time. High areas are moving through erosion to lower areas to deposit and fill. We can handle minor stream erosion, but what about large scale movements? Did you know that 1inch of water over an acre of land adds 113 Tons of weight to the ground? Putting that into our 4x4 adventures formula, and you can expect the dirt hillsides above you after heavy rains to possibly give way, creating the landslide situation that we just witnessed in Forest Falls.

Where you wheel will be up to you. Your Situational Awareness is up to also up to you for your own safety. I want you to not just drive the same roads, expecting the same conditions as you experienced the last time. Expect wash-outs, undercuts, fallen rocks, or even a No-Road situation. Having talked about this, and getting you thinking, you won't get caught going over the edge. And, yes, it's all Geological, Right?





King of the Hammers 2017

Cougar Buttes - February 12, 2017 NO TRAIL REPORT SUBMITTED

Calico- February 17-19, 2017 NO TRAIL REPORT SUBMITTED

Sunday Ham Radio Trip
February 26, 2017

Mickey Ask (turtled), getting a tow through the Middle Rock Garden.

Sunday Ham Radio Trip Report February 26, 2017

At 7:30, a group of 22 intrepid voyagers met at Kay's Café for breakfast to plan a day of fun and adventure in the San Bernardino National Forest. One of the goals of the day was to experiment with using Ham radios to stay in touch with groups over a wide area of the mountain, so we planned to split the group to run Holcomb Creek Trail. We left Kay's at 8:45 to begin our drive up 330, with a whole lot of other people. Now let me tell you about some of the things we saw heading up with people not experienced in mountain ways…How about the Ram pickup that we saw on the side of the road installing chains on their front tires. Or the countless people driving 20 miles on barely wet pavement with chains…How would you like to have just paid $40 to have a chain installer help mount your brand new chains, to drive 100 yards up the highway to see the Highway Patrol taking down the chains required sign, worse, they were not even to Running Springs yet. Nevertheless, we made it past all the crazy flatlanders, and the 2 groups split ranks at the Green Valley Lake Turnoff with Loren Campbell leading his group in Green Valley, and Teri Patterson leading her group up to Fawnskin. This will be kind of like the series 24, all events happened between 9:45 AM and 3:00 PM

A Group — West to East Transit of Holcomb Creek Trail
Loren Campbell and Joe Martinez- Trail Leader (With Stewart and Salsa)
Tim Glider and Rubi- Tail Gunner
George and Kay Stauber
Russ Deer
Matt and Sue Martel
Ron Fleming and Anita McCarty
Cindy Coffin and Debbie Coffin
Kevin Rice and Barbara Bongiorno (They finished our run, but did not start it-does this count?)

We pulled off on the Crab Flats turnoff to air down in 4" of fresh powder snow, and then quickly started running down 3N16. One new thing was the water crossing has now been replaced with a bridge. We had been warned about a washout on 3N16, and we found it shortly after we passed Crab Flats Campground. In fact, it was a monster washout, but expert spotting quickly got the entire group through without a hitch, and we proceeded on to the Gatekeeper Rock Garden, which we motored through without a hitch, we knew than when nobody had to get out of their rigs it was going to be a great day. The ham radios made it easy to maintain communications with Teri's group, and we changed our lunch meeting spot from the Middle Rock Garden to McDonald Rock.

Sunday Ham Radio Trip Report (Cont.)

It seemed like no time until we arriving at McDonald Rock with light snow flurries in the air. Shortly thereafter, Teri's group arrived and had a leisurely lunch. After lunch, Kevin and Barbara switched from the B Group to the A group and finished with us. We then proceeded on down the trail, again, nobody had to get out for any of the obstacles, we sailed through the middle rock garden and the entry obstacle with nary a hitch. We reported that we had got back to 3N14 and were heading to Fawnskin to air up, and then arranged to head down to Mi Cocina in Highland for an early dinner with Teri's group.

Loren Campbell

B Group-East to West Transit of Holcomb Creek Trail
Teri and Jim Patterson (and Simon) - Trail Leader
Bobby Holly
Mickey Ask
Craig Willcutt and Matt Switzer
Craig Hart and Tom Lopez- 2nd half Tail Gunner
Kevin Rice and Barbara Bongiorno- Tail Gunner (They started the trail, but did not finish-do they get credit for 2 runs, or a fine for both?)

Teri's group blew through the entry rock garden and middle rock garden in almost record time. Shortly after they pulled out, Teri discovered that her Tail Gunner extraordinaire Kevin Rice, had a problem with his Mobile Ham Radio, it didn't work; as did both of his hand held radios, and apparently even his CB was on the fritz. Nevertheless, he did his normally outstanding job as the tail gunner and his communications difficulties had no impact on his following speed. It's amazing how fast you can get through a trail with a small group. We came to the middle rock garden where it was nice and muddy, Jim Patterson helped Mickey Ask navigate some of the boulders and strapped him up to Bobby to be un-turtled. We continued on down the trail checking in with Loren's group every so often counting off the trees, lol. But everyone in the group did an amazing job getting to McDonald Rock for lunch in about 2 hours. After lunch, Teri pulled out and proceeded at break neck speed to the Entry Rock Garden, everyone did a fantastic job going though it with no issues and then up the trail to the washout area. Now Loren's group led us to believe that this was going to be an interesting obstacle but when we got there we found that a Toyota pickup had slid into the washout, and was headed for certain peril down the mountain. 3 guys, that did not speak much english where very happy to see us. Just in the nick of time, Jim pulled out a trusty strap, hooked them up, and yanked them to safety.

Sunday Ham Radio Trip Report (Cont.)

The remaining 5 of us looked at the wash out and said " We got this easy". (But if a couple more feet give way it may become impassable). Jim jumped in the jeep and went high left and turned down right as he went over the logs, everyone quickly did the same and we were through there quickly with our new cheering section clapping and telling us Thank You. Our group met up with Loren's on the 330 at the Green Valley Lake road, and headed down to Mi Cocina for a great early dinner and endless stories and embellishments of the day's activities.

Thanks Loren & Joe for setting up a great fun day in some snow……
Teri & Jim

Apparently very glad to see IE4W!

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We Thank You for Your Support!

The Inland Empire Four Wheelrs 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.