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

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 Webmaster

President's Corner

I wish you all a very happy and prosperous new year. It was good to see everyone at the Christmas party. Thank you Teri for organizing the party. Sherie and I had a wonderful time.

Tom Thompson

Upcoming Events

Superstition Mtn - Jan 13-15, 2023

4x4 Winter Jamboree - Jan 18-21, 2023

Calico Overnighter - Feb 10-12, 2023

Minutes of IE4W Business Meeting December 1, 2022

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jerry Burgess.

Welcome to the IE4W 4x4 club

We had no guests.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report by Karen Henry. We have $30,960.28 in the bank. No bills this month.

Vice President and Land Use Report by Robin Reed.

Robin received a request from CORVA for the club to host a checkpoint at CORVA's Truckhaven Challenge. After discussion, it was determined that Mark Ogaz was doing his Superstition Mtn. run that weekend.

The USFS is holding an Adopt A Trail clean up at 3N21 Baldy Mesa on Saturday December 3rd.

Committee Chair Reports

Merchandise Report – Mike Anderson was there with merchandise.

Newsletter – No newsletter

Membership – Bill Bem - all is good.

Hospitality – Sherie Thompson – nothing to report.

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

Work party on dump site on 3N21 on December 3, 2022.

Board of Directors

President	Tom Thompson president@ie4w.com
Past President	Mark Ogaz ppresident@ie4w.com
Vice President	Robin Reed vpresident@ie4w.com
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Big Bear Forest Fest Chair	See President bbff@ie4w.com
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Safety	Jerry Burgess safety@ie4w.com
Web Site	Teri Patterson webmaster@ie4w.com
Club Merchandise	Mike Anderson
Sheriff	Bill Henry sheriff@ie4w.com
Trail Boss	Jim Patterson trailboss@ie4w.com

Historian – No report.

Website – Please send Teri Patterson photos of runs.

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

Safety – Jerry Burgess spoke about electrical wiring issues.

Break

Report on Past Runs

No runs in November.

Future Runs Jim Patterson Trail Coordinator.

AAT Clean up on !2/03/2022 for dumpsite at 3N21.

December Run Randy Stockberger will lead a Mojave Trail run from December 15th to the 19th.

January - Superstition Mtn 13-15 and 4x4 Winter Jamboree 18-21

Feburary Club Run: Randy Stockberger Overnighter at Calico

Future Events

Next Meeting January 5th, 2023.

Club Christmas party at The Old Spaghetti Factory on December 18th.

Old Business:

Tom Thompson needs to have the plaques engraved – Working on it.

New Business:

Discussion of associate memberships.

Sheriff's Report: Bill Henry

Tom Thompson was fined for not having a hearing aid.

Motion to adjourn meeting . Made by Sherie Thompson seconded by Teri Patterson. All were in favor.

JANUARY 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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2	3	4	5 CLUB MEETING	6	7	8
9	10	11 ROUND UP	12	13 Superstition Mtn	14	15
16	17	18	19 4x4 Winter Jamboree (Sand Hollow, Utah)	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

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

Baldy Mesa AAT Trip Report by Robin Reed

Bill and I met at McDonalds where we both ordered the same breakfast without knowing what the other ordered. No other club members showed up, so we headed up 3N21 to meet the other trail clean-up participants from the Forest Service, Sheriff's department, Mountain Foundation, and other Volunteers.

We had a driver's meeting and headed out to clean up the trail. I found 3 tires, a bunch of carpet and beer cans and Cheetos bags. Everyone was filling bags with trash. The trailer in the picture below was filled with bags overflowing. The tires went in another pick-up which were taken to recycle. The Carpet went in another pickup.

The Mountain Foundation provided Pizza for Lunch. We headed home after Lunch.

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Day after Christmas Run ~ Shaft Canyon

Attendees:\

John and Ming Letzkus
Kevin Rice and Janice
Bobby Holley
Mike Anderson and Sonia

We left Cafe 247 at 9 . Proceeded to the start of Shaft Canyon Light via Highway 247. The run, finishing at Anderson dry lake, was uneventful, i.e., no breakdowns, strapping, winching. etc., etc. We then headed over to Cougar Butts for a lunch break. After lunch Kevin lead a short run to Chicken Rock and a couple of obstacles on Cake Walk. We aired up and headed for home around 2:30. Thank you Bobby for taking/posting photos of the run. by John Letzkus

RUBICON

Safety

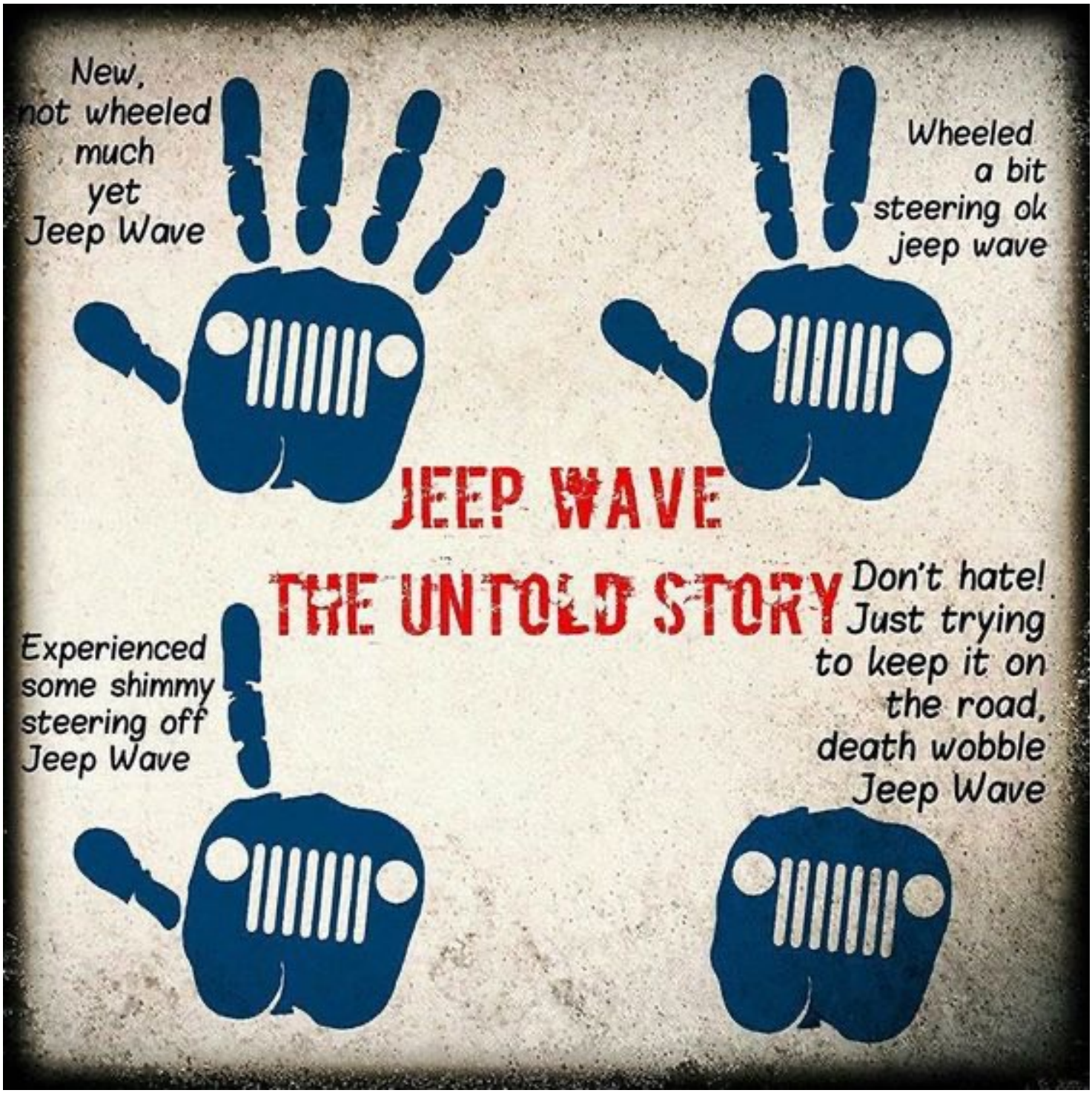
By Jerry Burgess

Winter Safety Check

I will admit to being a bit focused on some details, but that's the way I'm wired, and that's why I was trained and paid to see the details of things in front of me. SO, in this time of year when the nights are long and sometimes wet, I need to ask you to not be like "That Guy" stopping his vehicle in front of me without functional brake lights... or the guy with the headlights on BRIGHT because his low beams are burned out or terribly out of alignment and otherwise worthless.

Please take the time to start your vehicle, turn on the headlights, put the emergency flashers on and take a walk around your rig to see what bulbs are burned out, and then replace them. With a few exceptions the emergency lights on older rigs are the same elements in the bulb as the brake lights. If you can't see the brake lights because the turn signal lights are separate and flashing, then check your brake lights at night by being backed up near a wall or garage door. When you do check your brake by pressing on the pedal, don't mash it to the floor, but gently apply it to check the brake light switch and see if the lights activate before you feel back pressure on the brakes when they get firm. A switch could be out of adjustment. This would also be a good time to check the reverse / back-up lights.

As for the wipers, it's getting wet again and if your wipers have been out all summer in the sun, then they'll probably be shredded or split and won't be good at removing debris from the windshield. Get some new blades on the wipers, and don't forget the rear wiper. It's also a good time to Rain-X the windows and mirrors to repel the water, mud or snow and improve your visibility. Rain-X will also remove the oils and smog haze from plastic headlight covers due to the alcohol. And if you aren't going to drive your rig much, then get a battery tender for Christmas and gift it to your rig. This will keep your battery charged. Check the expiration on the battery. Check the fluids under the hood. Keep on top of the safety equipment and be ready to wheel!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