

Low Range Ramblin'

a publication of:

Inland Empire 4 Wheelrs

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WHO IS IE₄W?

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

(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 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



When Jim and I first came into the club back in 2002, we had just finished building our TJ (or so I thought) we were on 33" tires when we did our first run with the club on Gold Mountain. I was nervous, I just knew that we were going to lay it over or something would happen. But of course everything was fine and I wanted more adventure. After that run, we came home and changed a few things and our tires grew to 35's, that really made a difference. But as most of you know, we caught the bug and our jeeps have changed and grown throughout the years. But I never would have guessed that I would be on the Board, let alone be the President of this Club. I have come to think of this Club as a very large family, with brothers, sisters, cousins and etc. We may not always think the same way or agree, but we are always there for each other when needed.

I am proud to serve as the President of IE4W and I will do my best.

Teri Patterson
IE4W President

Board of Directors

**ie4W
Minutes September 2017**

Pledge of Allegiance: Dani Goldberg

Guests: Joe and Christy Rivera, Craig Willcutt, John and Lynda Kelly, John Dunlap, Robin Reed, Mike Anderson, Russ Anderson, Curt Harmon.

Secretary's Report-Cindy Coffin: Rosters will be passed around after the break. Please turn in trip reports promptly and AAT forms to Jim Miller
Minutes approved as published. Super D opposed. (Always one in the group)

Treasurers Report-Mike Moore: September started off with \$59,609.83

Vice President Report-Teri Patterson: none

Committee Chair Reports:

Merchandise-Peggy Ogaz: Has merchandise for sale

Newsletter-Char Hart: Still need a volunteer. C'mon folks.....

Membership-Joe Martinez: Welcome to new perspective members. He has membership packets

Hospitality-Barbara Bongiorno: all healthy

Forest Fest-Mike Moore: no report

Round-up-Jamie Duncanson: great turnout. 8 rigs. Darryl, Bill and Craig were trophy winners.

Adopt a trail-Jim Miller: meeting this month will be next Wednesday. Steven Soliz volunteered but needs to check with Amber. Also needs volunteers to be chain saw certified. Morgan and Steven volunteered. Thanks guys.

Website-Teri Patterson-up and running.

Scholarship-Tim Kemp: Thanks for volunteering.

Safety-Jerry Burgess: Discussed Forest Service Handbook. There is a link on the website.

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Break: Refreshments provided by Bobby Holley

Refreshments for October - Cindy Ehlers

Refreshments for November - Bob Berg

Refreshments for December - Mark Ogaz

Reports on Past Events:

Pismo - Bob Peterson

Rubicon - Randy Stockberger

Night Run - Darryl Jordan

Pine Cove - Bill Rhett's

Dishpan/Holcomb - Steven Soliz

Future Runs:

Randy's Overnighter - Randy

Beach Cruise - cancelled

Calico Halloween - Steven - weekend before Halloween. Will update Yahoo groups

Parker - Thanksgiving

Future Events:

Redfosa donation Saturday, September 9. Loren reported that the total donation will be \$5370.

Presentation will be at 9:00 am. Address is 504 Kansas St, Redlands.

Old Business:

Installation Picnic - September 22-24.

Corva/Ocotillo Wells - no report

New Business:

Victor Valley Four Wheelers - donation - Darryl - donate entry's to BBFF. Super D- winch. Moved by Peggy and seconded by Randy. Motion approved. Teri and Tom opposed.

Team Rubicon - Nancy Kenny - Veteran organization does charity work for disasters. Motion by Loren Campbell to donation \$1000. Seconded by Morgan Hertel. Motion passed. Mike Moore made donation online.

Rebel Off Road having fundraiser Tuesday for Hurricane Harvey survivors. Will be at Orange County Fuddruckers.

September 2017 Minutes (Cont.)

Nominations:

President - Teri Patterson

Vice President - Loren Campbell

Secretary - Cindy Coffin

Treasurer - Mike Moore

Motion by Mark Ogaz and seconded by Ron Fleming to conduct a voice vote. Members nominated were unanimously voted in.

Sheriffs Report - Jim Miller - numerous fines for no club colors

Raffle prizes - provide by George and Kay Stauber, raffle prizes for October: Morgan Hertel

Monies Collected: \$13 - fines \$198 - raffle proceeds, \$222 merchandise

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Coffin - Ie4W secretary.

HOSPITALITY

The responsibility of the Hospitality Chair is to post Birthdays, Anniversaries to Yahoo Groups. Also, in the event of an illness, surgery or loss of a loved one, the Hospitality Chair person will send a card, flowers, or a yummy arrangement to the affected Club Member.

Please help to 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

Life is tough, let's support our fellow Club Members through the obstacles.

OCTOBER 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						1 Mary Muhs
2	3	4 Larry & Cheri McRae	5 CLUB MEETING	6	7	8
9 Columbus Day	10 ROUND-UP	11	12 Kathy Burgess	13	14	15
16	17	18 Jack Farrell Richard Casiano	19	20	21 Yucaipa Pumpkin Patch 5:30 pm	22 Ben Hoskins Mark & Peggy Ogaz
23	24	25	26 Acilia Rodriguez	27	28	29 Calico Run Barbara Bongiorno
30	31 Richard Rodgers Sue McQuown					

Upcoming Events

Pumpkin Patch.....October 21, 2017

Calico.....October 29-30, 2017

Parker.....November 22-26, 2017

Club Photo- November Meeting

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

Basic Safety Starter

by Jerry Burgess



Members and Guests all have a responsibility for promoting SAFETY while participating in IE4W activities. For new members and guests who are heading towards membership, it is your responsibility to carry the basic SAFETY equipment of a First Aid Kit, Fire Extinguisher, as well as wearing Seat Belts while moving about in your vehicle. Recovery Straps, Anchor Points, Clevis D-Shackles, and other Equipment like Wench Controls should be easily available when needed.

You best know your own experience level related to the trails that you and your vehicle have already negotiated and where you're headed on the next trail. Can you handle the challenge? You also need to be familiar with the options available with your vehicle related to enabling and disabling features or pieces of equipment. This also relates to when to use or when not to use components. Along with a handful of equipment decisions comes where to best place the vehicle on the trail when the trail becomes the obstacle through which you must pass in a Safe manner. Recognize your vehicle's quirks, like Hill Start Assist. Consider using BOTH FEET when crawling up, over and down from large rocks to prevent the vehicle from lurching or dropping down quickly and causing damage. Play the Memory Mapping Game with the rocks and tires on the trail. Don't go Hood Blind when going through an obstacle. Either get out and look or have a spotter lead you.

Be at your best while driving, Drinking Alcohol isn't just against our rules, it's against the law while on trails. This won't be tolerated. Keep a safe distance from the vehicle you follow in case that vehicle has to back up and adjust their line. Watch the vehicle behind you in the mirror, in case they need you to pull them out of a problem. Wait at intersections for the vehicle in your mirror to see which way you went. Monitor the CB or HAM radio for instructions or information about the trail. When following a similar vehicle as yours, you can watch and see what works and what doesn't. You can then adjust your line to have better success and avoid a problem area. Know when to ask for assistance or help Before you are deep in a Situation that could have been avoided. After the trail run, visually inspect your vehicle for damage or loose parts, immediately repair problems and be ready to go without wondering if the problem will cause a failure in the next trail run.

LABOR DAY RUN

Members:

Steven Soliz
Darryl Jordan
Todd Vargason
Kevin Rice
Barbara Bongorno



Guests:

John Dunlap
Cecelia Richter

Started our day meeting up with everyone at the Mc Donald's in Lake Arrowhead Village and heading for the Dishpan trailhead.

We aired down had a brief Drivers meeting and hit the trail. As we were cruising along we noted how perfect the weather was and the trail being just wet enough to have no dust whatsoever. Had no issues at all and finished the trail in only 40 minutes. Since we finished it so quickly we opted to head over and hit Holcomb creek. About half way through Holcomb we ran into a group of wheelers with one grand cherokee hung up in the rock garden that had lost his 4 wheel drive. We waited about 30 mins while they attempted to pull him forward and then lost the bead on a front tire. At that point the group decided to let us go around them. Doing so meant that they had to back up 2 stock two door wrangler's one having a fancy exhaust they were trying not to crush. Needless to say that took about another 20 mins but we eventually maneuvered our way around them in the rock garden. Got to the end of the trail and headed for Fawnskin to air up and hit the highway at about 2:30.

Shout out to Darryl for keeping the trails clean and free of extra jeep parts!

Pictures posted to the club forum at

<http://ie4w.freeforums.net/thread/9/labor-day-run-report>

Thank you to those that came and made it a great run!

Steven Soliz



LABOR DAY RUN



Bee Canyon Run

Today 12 people and 7 rigs had a splendid day of wheeling through Bee Canyon into Pine Cove. We began with breakfast at Abby's Café in Hemet, our waitress was wonderful.

One of the trails (5S09) has not been used by most of us. It was a multi-terrain scenic run, which went through San Jacinto Ridge, then later through a lush forest area, then ending in a mountain community known as Pine Cove.

We also enjoyed a lunch hour alongside Logan Creek, which provided us with lots of running water (it was like a mini beach including the sand).

All members and guests equally contributed to a successful run. Everybody finished together, but a majority of us elected to go into downtown Idyllwild for some ice-cream.

The names of those in attendance were ~

Bill & Lori Rhetts, trail leaders

Darryl & Joy Jordan, guests

Robin & Claudia Reed, guests

Nancy Kenny, member

John Dunlap, Cecelia Richter, and Ashia Dawson, guests

Danny Cole, guests

Bobby Holley, member (Tail Gunner)

Randy's Overnighter September 15-17, 2017

Hello Campers,

Wow, what an awesome weekend!!

Trail Leader: Randy (But honey, it wasn't my fault) Stockberger 2017 JKU

Mid Gunner: Loren (No the other driver side) Campbell 2010 JKU

Tail Gunner: Jim (Looking for snitches) Miller LJ

Members:

Cindy (Trump) Coffin 2011 JK

Craig (Mechanic) and Char Hart 2016 JK

Bob (This isn't Calico) and Karen Peterson

Steve (Elf) Santa

Don (don't follow me) McDonald and Jackie (Child of the 60's) Sorcic
W/Daughter Christy and Granddaughter Alice

Bob (Is it time to eat yet) Berg

Ron (Motorhome) Fleming and Anita

Mark (Ouch) and Peggy Ogaz. 2013 JK

Morgan (Money is no object) Hertel and grandsons. 2013 JK

Kevin (Let me tell you a story) Rice and Barbara Bongiorno TJ

Evan (Proud Dad) Owen LJ

Dick (My dog doesn't bite) Gervais Samurai

Russ (Fuck Cancer) Deer and Bryce Myngheer guest JK

Mike (Rubicon Rock Roller) Moore TJ

Bill (Mr. President) Henry and grandson TJ

Bobby (All in) Holley and family JK

Neil (Hemi) Stratton JK

Jerry (Yea, I've already found that Geocach) Burgess JK

Sharla (Oh, did I cook too much again) Traylor Cherokee

Guests:

Michelle Creed

McKenzie

Joshua Stockberger and Beth Grossheim

Craig Willcutt

John Dunlap

John and Lynda Kelly

Robin Reed (Previously member of IE4W making a return!)

This was the first off-road trip with the club in my brand new 2017 JKU Rubicon and I was especially nervous not wanting to scratch or damage the Jeep in any way. I was so nervous in fact I really couldn't enjoy the trail as I was over compensating at every turn. I've never really had to worry about brush along the trail before, or the larger rocks on the trail with the ULTMTCJ's great ground clearance. I have a lot greater respect now for the JKU owners that wheel their junk, it is totally different. I felt like such a newbie. In fact, and don't let the Sheriff know but I didn't even have a CB radio or a way to air up after the trail. (Thanks Cindy for the air and Robin for the handheld)

I got to Hannah Flats in the late afternoon on Thursday and set up camp. My son Joshua and his girlfriend Beth (She is AWESOME!) were already in the park and relaxing. It was the calm before the storm to be sure. Joshua and Beth made Carne Asada tacos for dinner and we just hung around the campfire all evening.

Friday morning and after an awesome breakfast at the Grizzly I went to the North shore and did some fishing. Not even one bite, (but it was very peaceful and calming to just relax by the water) and left around 2:00 to see if we had any campers yet. Sure enough campers were filing in and it continued way into the night. I got to meet Michelle Creed who found out about us at the last Roundup where she met Robin and was told about the run. Now Michelle has a JKU Sport with cute pink tail light guards and this was her very first time off-road EVER! Super D's daughter, Christy was there with her daughter Alice and was convinced by her dad that her Stock Grand Cherokee would be ok to take on the trail. Now this was really good news for my nervous butt since I had planned on doing Holcombe Creek, and now I could justifiably change to an easier trail and chose Horse Thief Flats. (Big Mistake in hindsight, but I digress). Again Joshua and Beth made me an In-Frieking-credible Rib Eye steak and campfire baked potato for dinner. The rest of the evening was a very entertaining sit around the campfire listening to all the usual banter, jokes and reminiscing about past adventures.

Saturday morning we woke to a chilly but beautiful clear blue sky and the sounds of Blue Jays chatting away to each other. We were to meet at the North Shore Cafe at 8:00, but if you arrived at 8:00 you were late since most of us had already been served by then. LOL! When it comes to eating or Jeeping IE4W is NEVER late!

Randy's Overnighter (Cont. Twice)

After a short drivers meeting we took off on highway 18 to Cactus Flats. Being the considerate person I am (said with sarcasm) stopped at the Cactus Flats Staging Area to air down allowing one last 10-100 in private pit toilets. Bill Henry with his Grandson, Neil Stratton and Bobby Holley with family showed up just in time for a great photo op showing off all 28 trail rated rigs! (It was difficult to see my cute little JK sitting between two built jeeps. LOL) Had one last driver's meeting and everyone gave Michelle and Christy encouragement for their first Off-Road adventure.

Heading down to the bottom of Horse Thief Flats was uneventful and thanks to Loren for taking Michelle under his wing to coach and teach Michelle down the switchbacks. Super "D" took care of his daughter, Christy and was able to guide her down while Jackie drove Papa Smurf. At the bottom we trekked up Pucker Hill to view the incredible view of the High Desert and Longhorn Sheep Wilderness Area. Michelle left her JK at the bottom and jumped into Robin's jeep for the ride up (the hill climb can be intimidating), but I was surprised to see Christy in her stock Grand proudly sitting on top of the hill.

Driving down Pucker Hill we turned left at the bottom over to the cottonwood trees following a sort of gully. Now I saw a branch sitting close to my right side, but there was a protruding bush on my left I was more worried about and veering to the right slightly to save my Brand New JK from trail stripping when I hear a very loud "THUD" and my radio antenna was violently swinging back and forth. My heart sunk to the pit of my stomach!! The only thing I could think about was how much trouble I was going to be in when I got home. Do you remember when you were called into the principal's office in Junior High and you knew your parents were going to be so disappointed in you? Yea, that's exactly how I felt. Not wanting to hold up the group I kept going until we got to the end of the creek where we stopped for lunch. I quickly jumped out of the JK to look at the damage, but seeing none on the cowl was so relieved and gave a prayer of thanks. This was our lunch spot so I walked back to see how everyone was doing. Mark Ogaz was looking at the passenger side of his Jeep and told me about this branch that jumped up and did damage to his Jeep. Looking at his damage I noticed it was about center of his passenger's door. Oh no, I thought and immediately went back to look at my door! Oh man, I am in soooo much trouble since the branch DID put a dent in my passenger's door as well! DAMMIT I am so Dead now!!!!

After lunch we made our way back up the switch backs without incident as Loren coached Michelle and Super "D" watched over his daughter. Still early we had time for one more trails so we headed back up HWY 18 to Holcombe Creek Road at the city Dump. Making our way to Little John Bull I so enjoyed being in the Forest, but I still couldn't dismiss the pure dread I felt when Roxann would find out about the damage! Little John bull proved to be a little exciting for our Newbie, and Michelle learned a very good lesson that you can only listen to ONE spotter and you must TRUST the spotter you listen to. Loren went down the obstacle first (you all know the exact spot heading down there is a tree on the left side you must miss and a V-Notch on the right you must straddle), but before Loren could get back to help Michelle drove down and instinctively stood on her brake as her passenger side rear tire raised about 4' off the ground!! Once Loren was back on the scene he was able to guide Michelle down safely. We ventured from there through the Jeep Squeeze, back to the Bellville City Site in Holcombe Valley, passed Wilber's Grave on our way to 3N16 and finally down Polique Canyon back to Hannah Flats.

Randy's Overnighter (Cont. Thrice)

Back in camp for the first hour and a half all I heard was, "OH no what are you going to do?", "Maybe Roxann won't notice", "Wow, that looks worse than I thought", "Randy, you are so screwed"! These words of encouragement were very much appreciated. (again said with sarcasm, LOL!) I was able to console myself diving into a bottle of Captain Morgan and all the amazing appetizers that were presented before me. So much food we didn't have to worry about dinner, but our resident camp cook, Sharla Traylor had that covered with not one, but two pots of Beef Stroganoff. There was Shrimp, Cheese, Chips, Dips, Guacamole, Fresh Fruit, Sliders, Savory Ebelskivers and too much more to list. We had a roaring campfire and it was great to see everyone sitting around it. I thought about our Motto, "It doesn't matter what you drive or which trail you choose, at the end of the day we all sit around the same campfire!" I must add here, we are a very diverse and accepting club, focused on and celebrating what we have in common, which is all that matters. How cool would it be if the world could accomplish the example our awesome club shows?

Sunday morning we woke to another beautiful Mountain clear sky and the smell of bacon frying in a pan. Everyone brought something for breakfast to share and one last sit around the campfire reminiscing about the weekend, meeting new friends and building stronger bonds between members. What a Great Club, Great Weekend and Great Camaraderie!

Submitted by,

Randy Stockberger

Proud member and new Club Run Coordinator.



RANDY'S OVERNIGHTER





**IE4W Installation
Picnic
Saturday, September 23, 2017**

**Newly Installed Club Officers:
President- Teri Patterson
Vice President- Loren Campbell
Treasurer-Mike Moore
Secretary- Cindy Coffin**





Heidi, Karsyn and Tim Kemp giving everyone a run for their money.

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Members and Guests try their hand at miniature golf.



Debbie is either looking for her lost ball or getting a better look at the hole....truly anybody's guess!





Robin sinks the putt!



Better luck next time Loren!

A big THANK YOU to all those who served in various capacities during the 2016-2017 term.

We'd like to thank the following members who served as Board Members:

Bill Henry- President, Teri Patterson- Vice President, Laura Hertel-Secretary (missed, never forgotten), Cindy Coffin- Interim Secretary, Mike Moore- Forever Treasurer.



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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.