

LOW RANGE RAMBLIN'

October 2019

A Publication of: Inland Empire 4 Wheelrs



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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!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Mark Ogaz

Greetings EI4W,

Welcome to a new year, one I hope will be fun and exciting. Thank you for electing me as President. I have been a member of IE4W for nearly six years and I hope to continue in the foot steps of the Presidents that have proceeded me. I am excited to serve with the new board. Thank you to the outgoing board for the work you have done. Thank you to the incoming board for rising to a new challenge.

We have several committee chairpersons who have expressed their desire to move on. I am looking for anyone willing to step up and serve the club in one of these positions.

Many things have sprung out of our love for off-roading, adopt-a-trail, Forest Fest, friendships, fighting for our rights, and educating new people to our sport. I hope to continue and grow these things with all of you over the next year. I hope to see you on the trail this year so we can grow our fellowship.

Mark Ogaz

IE4W President



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

Surfer Joes' Pizza
2351 W Lugonia Ave
Redlands, CA 92374

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

October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Mary Muhs	2	3	4 Larry & Cheri McRae	5
6	7	8 Jacob Holley	9	10	11	12 Kathy Burgess
13	14 Columbus Day	15	16	17	18 Richard Casiano	19
20	21	22 Mark & Peggy Ogaz	23	24	25	26 Acillia Rodriguez
27	28	29 Barbara Bongiorno	30	31 Halloween Sue McQuown		

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 10-14 Death Valley Adventure Randy Stockberger

October 12 Onyx Summit George Stauber (OCR)

December 14 ??? Tom Thompson (OCR)

July 2020 Taboose Creek Mark Ogaz



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mark & Peggy Ogaz

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Rick & Tammy Clay '00

John Dunlap '17

Linda & John Kelly '17

Joe & Mary Muhs

Craig Wilcutt

Safety Report

By Jerry Burgess

Safety is Everyone's Job

I have to tell you that Safety is everyone's responsibility, starting with you. **If you lead a trail**, you should know the trail and what dangers might present a challenge to the guests you have attending. This ranges from rattlesnakes to trail hazards. You should have the ability to mitigate any obstacles on your trail by either spotting or if required - winching. Having the gear in hand to do so, ready and prepared. Should someone need minor medical assistance you should have a first aid kit, and if more is required, you have the phone numbers to emergency hospital locations with their address. You should know the alternate trails off your route should an emergency dictate a more direct exit to expedite a trip to the ER. Members and guests attending a trail run need to bring their vehicles ready and in sound condition, having inspected their vehicle for out of place parts, cracks, loose nuts, broken parts, fluids topped off, and recovery gear ready to use. Make sure your vehicle meets the minimum requirements for the trail for lockers and tire size.

While on a trail run, watch for others around you to ensure you know the location of anyone before moving. Should you see something "not right" = **SAY SOMETHING** before it becomes an issue or it becomes a major problem and problems tend to bog down the entire group. Watch out for each other. Also, make sure you are prepared for the trail by bringing the proper clothing and food / water just in case you have an extended trail run due to breakage or a problem just mentioned as well as some tools or parts. Driving off road in the back woods can be dangerous if you aren't paying attention. Be alert and aware of your surroundings, and don't take risks beyond your capabilities or experience unless being spotted or guided by someone who has the experience and knowledge regarding the obstacle and your vehicle behavior on obstacles. Your safe operation of your vehicle during the run includes by-pass and alternate climbs that you might encounter. If you need help, **ASK**, and don't keep going till you break down or get stuck, or worse.

When you participate in a trail run, in any position ahead of the tail, **WATCH the MIRROR** for the vehicle behind you. You might have to help the person behind you in a tight spot, don't just drive off all happy and expect they'll follow. Make sure the person behind you SEES you at an intersection when multiple paths may cause someone to take a wrong turn. I strongly suggest that if you are taking medications that inhibit your reactions or awareness, you don't drive on the run until you are done with the meds. No Alcohol consumption before the scheduled run, or during the run, for the sake of the family members and children that are around you during the run as well as your passengers and public at large. We are here to have fun with a

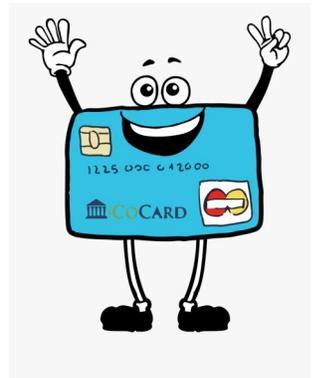


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The Inland Empire Four Wheelers regular business meeting is held the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM

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.



Activity Report

Installation Picnic
9-28-2019



Trail Leaders: Loren Campbell and Joe Martinez
Mid Gunners: Mark and Peggy Ogaz with Trail Dog Seamus
Tail Gunners: Robin Reed/Chaun and Dani Goldberg
Members: Ron Fleming, John and Ming Letzkus, Cindy Coffin
Guests: Kevin and Felycia Marcus, David Meyers and DJ Peterson, Brian Skalicky

Trip Reports



Our weekend began with dinner at Salsa's Cantina in Clovis on Friday night. The dinner started off rough with an uncooperative server at first, but the owner stepped in and rescued the dinner with some of the best Mexican food most of us have had.

Saturday morning started out with a text from Cindy Coffin that she was down with migraines and vomiting, so reluctantly she had to withdraw before we even left the parking lot at 6:30 in the morning. It was a 2 hour drive to the trailhead, but after a fuel stop in Shaver Lake we started the trail at 9:30 in the morning.

The Dusey is 33 miles in length, and each day is about 11 miles and takes 6-7 hours to the next camp. After we left the trailhead, we quickly made it to the top of Chicken Rock, where we stopped for pics overlooking Courtright Reservoir, and then started the trek to Thompson Hill. Unfortunately, John encountered a severe case of vertigo, and after confirming his vitals were good, we put him in the passenger seat and Robin and Dani led Ming back to the trailhead so they could take him back to Clovis to be checked out by the Doc. Robin and Dani then caught up with the group at the bottom of Thompson Hill. Thompson Hill did not disappoint in difficulty, the boulders were big and the soil was loose. We had to pull cable a couple times, but that's part of doing the Dusey; the Mission is to enjoy the beauty and complete it, how you get through the endless obstacles is really just something you learn from. We pulled into the Thompson Lake Campground at 5:45 to setup camp and for Ron to prepare our first group dinner of chicken sausages, beans, and potato salad. It ended up being a great choice because it was quick and easy and we got everything cleaned up well before dark. Since the Forest Service had just posted no campfires on the trail earlier in the week, the Goldbergs bought a propane campfire for the trip, and it was very welcome as the mountain chill set in as soon as the sun went down.



Dusey Ershim
September 6-10
Loren Campbell

Trip Reports

Dussey Ershim - Cont.

September 6-10

Loren Campbell

On a cold Sunday morning we counted our blessings as it turned out that a bunch of us craved coffee to get going, so there was a race to get coffee brewing on multiple pots. Peggy's turn for breakfast had us enjoying chorizo and egg burritos for a great start to our day. We started the trail to Ershim at 9:30, and started dodging trees, especially difficult for me in JL Jack with its 87" width and 118" wheelbase. I caught a couple nicks on the hardtop, as did a couple others, but it was largely a damage free day.



We enjoyed lunch at East Lake, courtesy of Robin, and quickly hit the trail to get to Ershim Lake early at 4:30. There was nobody else on the trail, so we were able to get into Campground 1, which was right on the lakeshore. I was responsible for dinner that night, and I had distributed 1# tritrip steaks to put on the manifold of each Jeep. The goal of course was

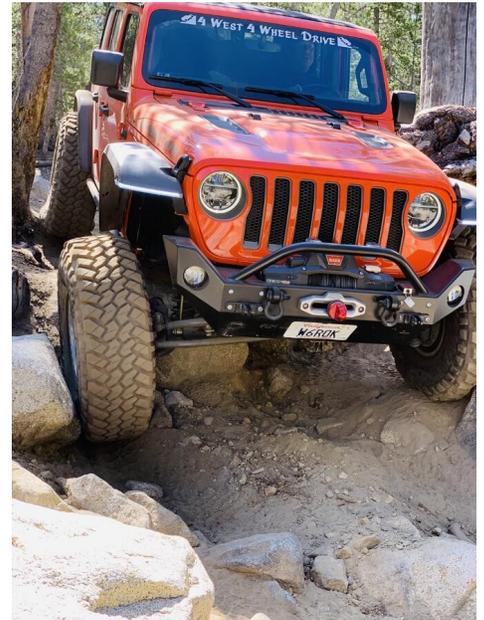
a medium rare 135 degrees, and by the time we got to camp and about 30 minutes resting time, most of them were perfect at 135 degrees. The couple

that were still a little rare we quickly finished on the griddle. The tritrip, along with some French rolls and more beans made a perfect dinner.

Monday morning the lake had a beautiful mist covering the lake, it was so peaceful. As people got up, we began our pot luck breakfast. Brian brought and learned to make pancakes, and David cooked up sausage patties and scrambled eggs- in IE4W style it was too good and too much food, we were all pleasantly stuffed.

Monday was planned to be a relaxing day. Chaun and Dani had brought their canoe and cruised around the lake. We also did a couple of hikes around the lake, getting great views of a bald eagle that calls Ershim home. Kevin and Felycia made chicken wraps and a great pasta salad for lunch...Delicious!

Monday evening Chaun and Dani made us some fantastic Chili (of course with more BEANS-lol) and cornbread, watch for them to share the recipe, it was easy and delicious! We sat around the campfire swapping stories, grateful for the campfire as it was getting colder.



Trip Reports

Dussey Ershim—Cont.

September 6-10

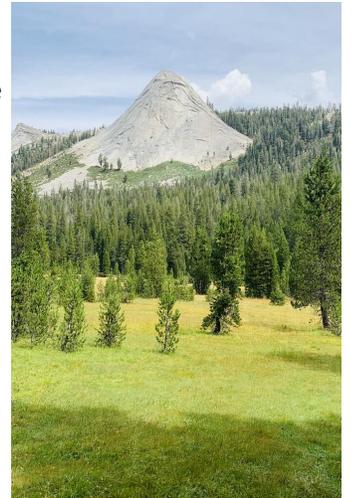
Loren Campbell



Tuesday morning was the day that Cindy was to have prepared breakfast, but she had given us her ingredients before leaving Clovis, so we had an awesome breakfast of scrambled eggs with sausage and tritip, along with warm tortillas and pastries. Once again, lots to eat of delicious food, you know the routine. We were packed and loaded up, when an oil leak was discovered under Robin's Jeep. It took us about 15 minutes to check it out, add a quart of oil, and clean up the minor spill, and we were on the departure leg of our trip by 9:05.



The Dusey Ershim is one of the best trails because of the wide variety of obstacles and views you encounter each day, I like to say there's a surprise around every corner. Tuesday's trail from Ershim out to Kaiser Pass was packed with beautiful mountain meadows, multiple lakes, a few trees to dodge, and incredible views. When we were almost to the top of the Overlook, Jeff began experiencing a recurrence of a problem he had with his JL the day before. The computer had some kind of gremlin and was partially engaging the brakes. He limped up to the Overlook where we were having lunch and we started trying to figure out how to fix it. We tried reflashing the programmer a few times and disconnected the battery without success, but then found something in the Owner's Manual about how to disable the ESC when it was stuck on. If you don't have a Factory Owner's Manual for your rig, you should get one and carry it (I had one stored as a pdf on my Ipad) The instructions for the JL were much simpler than the process for the JK that Jerry Burgess had given us before, you just had to hold down the ESC Off button for 5 seconds, but knowing that you had to hold it for 5 seconds turned out to be the key. It worked!



David and DJ had sandwiches, chips, and leftover pasta salad from the day before for another great lunch. After that, we began the climb up Givens Hill and down Whitebark Vista for our final 4 ½ miles of the trail. Everyone got through these final few miles with some of the toughest rock gardens of the trip but everyone went through with style.

We pulled into the North End of the Trail at Kaiser Pass at 3:15 where we aired up and topped off with fuel as needed. We then caravanned back down the mountain to Clovis for welcome showers and a final evening with pizza around the pool.

The Dusey is the toughest trail I've done, and also the most rewarding when you've finished it. It was truly a pleasure to lead a group that was so skilled and well prepared. You know that the food around IE4W is always legendary, and on this trip the dining was Epic. Only downside of the trip was I gained 3 pounds from eating too much.

Loren Campbell, Trail Leader



Trip Reports

Gold Mountain

8/31/2019 Loren Campbell

Trail Report-August 31, 2019 Gold Mountain, Little John, John Bull

Trail Leader: Loren Campbell with Fred Campbell (my Dad) riding Shotgun

Tailgunners; John and Ming Letzkus

Member: Bob Berg

Guests: Kevin and Felycia Marcus

We met at the Discovery Center at 9:00, aired down there, and headed out to the trail at 9:15. It was a beautiful day and a big relief for us from the 114 degree heat of the desert. We quickly started up Gold Mountain and quickly found the first person on the trail coming down with a long trail of transmission fluid behind them. They were clear of the obstacle so we went by them and at the top of the obstacle I put my tri tip in the manifold oven at 10:00. Everybody else followed right along, no issues at Notches and were at 3N16 in no time.

We made quick work of Little John, and got to the Gatekeeper only to find about 20 rigs in front of us. Fortunately, most were just there to watch, so we made it through the gatekeeper without much of a delay, and were at the turnaround spot by 12:00, it was time to check the tri tip! Pulled it off the manifold oven, opened the juicy packet up, and temperature was 150 degrees, so we called it for lunch. I think 1:30 on the Dusey trip should give us a perfect medium rare!

The rest of the trail was easy for us, nobody had any trouble and we were back at Big Bear Lake by 3:00 for airing up.

Overall an awesome day, it went so fast I didn't even take any pics....

Loren



Randy's Overnighter Sept 20-22

Big Bear/ Holcomb Valley

Trip Reports

Participants Present

Randy Stockberger	Leader
Loren Campbell	Mid Gunner
Jim Miller	Tail Gunner

George & Kay Stauber
Kevin & Felycia Maracus
Ron Fleming & Susie Gonzales
John & Ming Letzkus
Robin Reed
Russ Deer
Scott Atwood with Mack & Amali
Cindy Coffin
Tom & Sherie Thompson
Al & Ryan Auerbach
Mike Anderson & Sonia Cruz
Dick Gervais
Bobby Holly & Family
Bob Berg
Mike Ewing



Since highway 330 was closed for road construction I drove up the more scenic route 38 into Big Bear and onto Fawnskin where I exited the pavement at 3N14 and made it to my campsite in Hannah Flats around 2:00 in the afternoon. It was a very comfortable 78 degrees and a real relief from the 90+ temperature down below. In fact the weather for the whole weekend was perfect with clear blue skies, slight breeze and the sounds of nature.

Campers kept showing up all afternoon and most took off for the North Shore Café in Fawnskin for dinner while I held down the camp and BBQed a steak for dinner and started the campfire. As darkness fell over Hannah Flats campers and adventurers started bringing their camp chairs over to the campfire for the usual lively banter. Truthfully, it was a great campfire since we had no Cell Phone Service everyone was engaged in conversation and everyone was able to sit around the same campfire. "It doesn't matter what trail you ride or which rig you run, but at the end of the day we all sit around the same campfire!"



Randy's Overnighter Sept 20-22

Big Bear/ Holcomb Valley

Trip Reports

8:00 Saturday morning found all of us at the North Shore Café in Fawnskin for a hearty breakfast and anxious to get this amazing day started. Several of the campers were complaining on being cold during the night. I guess the mercury dropped to 32 degrees and even though they had several layers on and zero degree rated sleeping bags still froze their butts off. We aired down there and after a short driver's meeting headed off for the trail head to John Bull up Polique Canyon into Holcomb Valley when word came back the Dick's Samurai was boiling over. Not being able to properly diagnose the issue Jim Miller and Robin Reed helped Dick limp back to camp where Dick hitched a ride back with Robin and raced back to meet up with us on John Bull. The rest of us took 3N34 to the infamous 3N10 and the entrance to John Bull. As luck would have it we had the trail to ourselves with not another group in site. With 19 rigs I thought it would take 3 or 4 hours to complete the trail but with expert spotting by Loren Campbell at the "Gate Keeper" we were making really good time.

By the time Jim and Robin got back to the Gate Keeper there was a group of Toyotas pulling trailers. A couple had already made it through the gate keeper but there were a few that were still waiting. Jim asked if they could squeeze through to catch up their group as it would only take a couple minutes to do so. Surprisingly they were told no and would have to wait and drive along behind the Toyotas. We all thought that was pretty rude but we continued on.

We finished the Trail at 12:15 taking us only 2 hours and 15 minutes to complete so we had lunch in the wide space just before the fallen pine tree. Shortly thereafter Jim and Robin met us as the Rude Toyota people turned off of the trail to camp right near the end of the trail. Side note: Most, if not all the Toyota drivers I've met are incredibly nice, competent and helpful people and I always enjoy riding with them. But to every rule there are exceptions. Don't be the exception!!

Sitting at the intersection of 3N10 and 3N16 I wondered where to go next since I thought it would take much longer to complete we still had plenty of daylight left to burn so we headed right toward 4-Corners. At 4-Corners we stayed on 3N16 towards Crab Flats and exited at 3N06X (The X Trail). I was surprised at how many of our group had never been on this trail and several members commented on how long it's been since they last ran the X trail.

Making quick work of the X trail it emptied us onto the Holcomb Creek Trail (3N16) where we ran the final quarter of the trail and came out on the Fawnskin side. Then it was a race back to Hannah Flats and the much awaited Happy Hour. Being a little later in the day Happy Hour turned into a light dinner with Loren's Chili & Cornbread, Chicken Sticks, Russ' Carne Asada and countless other goodies and dips. Then it was another excellent night conversing around the Campfire.

All in all it was a great weekend without any damage, broken parts or breakdowns. (Other than the Samurai which is always expected. LOL) Can't wait for our next adventure.

Submitted by:
Randy Stockberger





MEETING MINUTES

September 2019
Minutes

Pledge of Allegiance led by George Stauber

Introduction of Guests - Naomi and Chris Petrotta, Mike and Jennifer Ewing

Welcome to Denise from Season's Hospice - Kamp Kangaroo. Reported on what our donation served for their kids in need.

Welcome to new members Scott and Jennifer Atwood

Secretary's Report - Cindy Coffin - rosters will be sent around after the break. Motion by Robin Reed and seconded by George Stauber to accept minutes as published. Motion passed. Randy Stockberger was the lone no vote.

Treasurer's Report - Dani Goldberg - started the month with \$63,241.37. There are currently no bills outstanding.

Vice President Report - no report

Committee Chair Reports

Merchandise - Kevin Strong - club flags are now in for CB antenna. Also hats and shirts

Newsletter - Todd Vargason - needs BBFF sponsor list to update back page of newsletter

Membership - Joe Martinez - has packets

Hospitality - Kay Stauber - going smooth

Round - up - Darryl and Mallory Jordon - will post on forums for this months round-up. Also needs a volunteer to take over round-up. Will be resigning in December. Also ramp is not registered with the DMV.

Adopt a Trail - Ken Ehlers - nothing new to report

Historian - Karen Henry - no report

Safety - Jerry Burgess - reported on San Bernardino National Forest Fire Restrictions. Report in newsletter.

Break - Drinks for October to be provided by Scott Atwood

Report on Past Runs

August 17 - White Mountain - Cindy Coffin

All 4 Fun - Loren Campbell

August 31 - John Bull - Loren Campbell

August 23 - Pismo - Bob Peterson

Future Runs - Randy Stockberger

September 6-11 Dusy Ershim

September 20-22 - Randy's Overnighter- Hanna Flat

Oct 12 - Onyx Summit - George Stauber

Oct 10-14 - pre run Death Valley

December 14 - Tom Thompson - TBD

July 2020 - Taboose Creek- Mark Ogaz

Future Events

Installation Picnic - September 28, 2 pm, @Patterson's humble abode. Main meal to be provided by le4w. Need a few appetizers and desserts.

Old Business

Nominations for Board - Mark Ogaz - President, Robin Reed - Vice President, Karen Henry - Treasurer, and Kay Stauber - Secretary

New Business - none

Sheriffs Report- Bill Henry - numerous fines were given out.

Raffle Prizes for October will be provided by Bob Peterson.

Closed Session

Motion by Jim Patterson and seconded by Mark Ogaz at 8:52 to adjourn meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted - Cindy Coffin, le4w Secretary



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