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# Low Range Ramblin

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## Inland Empire 4 Wheelrs



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### WHO IS IE<sub>4</sub>W?

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!

## IE<sub>4</sub>W 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.



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### 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



By: Teri Patterson, IE4W President

Well I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a great New Year's. This past month was certainly a busy one.

We enjoyed our Annual Club's Christmas party as usual. Not only was IE4W represented well in the Yucaipa Christmas Parade, but we were also asked by Calimesa Chamber of Commerce to participate in their night time Christmas Parade the following Saturday. Thank You Doug Russell for heading that up.

I know I really enjoyed Joe and Loren's run out to the Old Dale Mining District. It was nice to see so many of the club out on a run together. I think there were close to 36 vehicles on the run. But I have to say Nancy did an outstanding job with her Cherokee Trailhawk and Matthew Goldberg helping spot her along the way. You may be wondering why Nancy would take her nice new Black Trailhawk out on this run, well someone (Joe) told her "no problem" it'll be easy. Well she made it, but I don't think she would say easy. I think her undercarriage has some dents and there may be some new pin stripping on the sides she didn't want.

\*Since this needed to be written before the weekend ended. I am sure the group out in Truckhaven had a blast as usual, I can imagine they built their bonfire of Christmas Trees to ring in the New Year and had fantastic pot luck meals.

I hope to see you out on Randy's run coming up on January 13th and Round-up on January 9th.

## Board of Directors

## IE4W

Minutes December 2017 by Cindy Coffin

**Pledge of Allegiance** - led by John Dunlap. No flag present. Jim Patterson impersonated the flag.

**Introduction of Guests** - Robin Reed, Drew Morgan, Michelle and Court Creed, Craig Willcutt Jr., Keith Lefever, Mike Anderson and Pablo and Ichen Velasco.

**Secretary's Report** - Cindy Coffin - Trail Leaders PLEASE fill out run report with all participants name on it. Turn in at the next meeting. Rosters will be passed out after the break. Vote to approve November minutes as published - moved by Mark Ogaz and seconded by Rick Clay. Motion passed.

**Treasurers Report** - Mike Moore - started month with \$54,783.81.

**Vice President Report** - Loren Campbell - no report

Committee Chair Reports

**Merchandise Report** - Peggy Ogaz - blankets, windshield stickers, side stickers and shirts available.

**Newsletter** - Jackie Sorcic - No report

**Membership** - Joe Martinez - has membership packets available

**Hospitality** - Barbara Bongiorno - everything hospitable

**Forest Fest** - Mike Moore/Peggy Ogaz - no report

**Round-up** - Jamie Duncanson - Darryl and Mallory Jordan will be taking over roundup. Thanks you guys and a big thanks to Jamie for doing a great job and getting more participation.

**Adopt a Trail** - Steven Soliz - not present

**Historian** - Jackie Sorcic - gave report from 12/8/1965. Money on hand was \$187.97.

**Website** - Teri Patterson - website doing well and a new group picture has been added.

**Scholarship** - Tim Kemp - not present

**Safety** - Jerry Burgess - windshield wiper report and information on tire depth. See newsletter for specifics.

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November 2017 minutes (Cont.)

**Forum Demo** - Loren Campbell - gave demonstration on new forum and tips on how to work with it. Cut over date will be 12/17/17. Any questions contact Loren.

**Break** - this month provided by Mark Ogaz. January - Mallory Jordan. February - George and Kay Stauber.

**Report on Past Events**

**Hammers** - Don McDonald

**Parker** - Kevin Rice, Jerry Burgess and Teri Patterson

**Panamint Valley** - Steven and Amber Soliz - not present

Christmas Party - Teri Patterson

**Future Runs** - Randy Stockberger - not present - report given by Teri Patterson. December 16 Joshua Tree - Joe Martinez. December 27 - Truckhaven, Jim Sloan, January 13 - Big Bear Snow and Poker Run - Randy Stockberger. February 9 - Hammers. February 16 - weekend camp out Calico- Bob Peterson. March - Still Open. April 7 - Powder Puff Run - Mallory Jordan and Karen Cramer. May 25 - Memorial Day Weekend - Taboose Creek - Mark Ogaz. June 13 - 15 - Forest Fest - Everyone.

**Future Events** - Yucaipa Xmas parade - Dec 9., Sue Sloan

**Old Business** - Tony Nunnelly to speak on restoring his membership.

**New Business** - Report on donations - donate \$5000 to Corva and \$500 to Keller Peak Repeater Assoc. Original motion amended by Morgan Hertel to have a \$2000 match option. Motion seconded by Rick Clay - motion passed.

**Sheriff Report** - Jim Miller - Teri Patterson - no flag for pledge of allegiance. Loren Campbell- broken axle and Club colors - Rick Clay (as usual) Larry Peterson and Dick Gervais.

**Raffle prizes** provided by Kevin Strong. January - Tom Thompson. February - Bobby Holley

**Closed Session** - an action was taken

## Ready for snow.....

Some of IE4W members live in areas with snow and are familiar with hazards related to winter conditions. For the sake of those who don't live in, or are not familiar with winter driving conditions, now is the time to discuss some factors that change the way you drive in the mountains or areas with snow.

Temperatures are going to be lower, watch the actual temperatures. This means your tire pressure will be lower inside your tires. Depending upon the depth of the snow, temperature of the snow, and general air temperatures with consideration of any winds, you will have varying snow traction and composition. Snow could be powder to slush, multiple layers, or even melted and refrozen. One of your greatest obstacles will be melted snow that has turned to a sheet of ice on a shady corner of the highway. Be prepared to reduce your speed and try to anticipate this potential constantly. Give extra following distance when behind vehicles and when stopping. Watch oncoming vehicles on the highway to confirm that they are not going to be an accident potential by their method of driving, as many inexperienced drivers are on the highway with you, you just don't know who.

When driving off road in the snow, the same conditions mentioned above apply with additional concerns. Snow will cover obstacles in your path. You can sometimes 'read' the snow and look for bumps or dips that indicate a change in the surface below the snow. Off camber areas may become dangerous to sideways sliding, depending on traction. Drifts may block your trail, be prepared to move some snow. Long caravans will change freshly fallen snow to slick compacted and slippery tracks if you're at the end of the line. This may impact your ability to control your downhill or uphill traction and control of the vehicle. Vehicle recovery from stuck positions may be very difficult due to the reduction of traction on the recovery vehicle due to snow or ice under the tires. You may have to anchor the recovery vehicle to an object while winching. Expect to get in the snow for repairs or during recoveries, so be prepared with the proper winter gear, clothing and waterproof barriers. In the end, you should have a great time and have a safe successful run.



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>1</b> Happy New Years 	<b>2</b> George Biddlecombe	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7pm Club Meeting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Broxton Strong Koleston Strong
<b>8</b> Marvin McQuown	<b>9</b> 6pm - Roundup George & Kay	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Angelina Rodriguez	<b>12</b> Curt & Kim	<b>13</b> Big Bear Snow Run Dean Hilleman	<b>14</b> Derek Rist
<b>15</b> Bo Parham	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Quartzite Run	<b>19</b> Quartzite Run	<b>20</b> Quartzite Run	<b>21</b> Quartzite Run
<b>22</b> Bill Henry	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> John Dunlap	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

## UPCOMING Events

New Years @ Truckhaven - December 27 - January 2

Poker/Snow Run - January 13

Quartzite - January 18-21

Hammers - Feb 9

Calico - Feb 16

Powder Puff Run - April 7

Taboose Creek Memorial Day Run - May 24 - May 28

BBFF - June 13-15

### HOSPITALITY

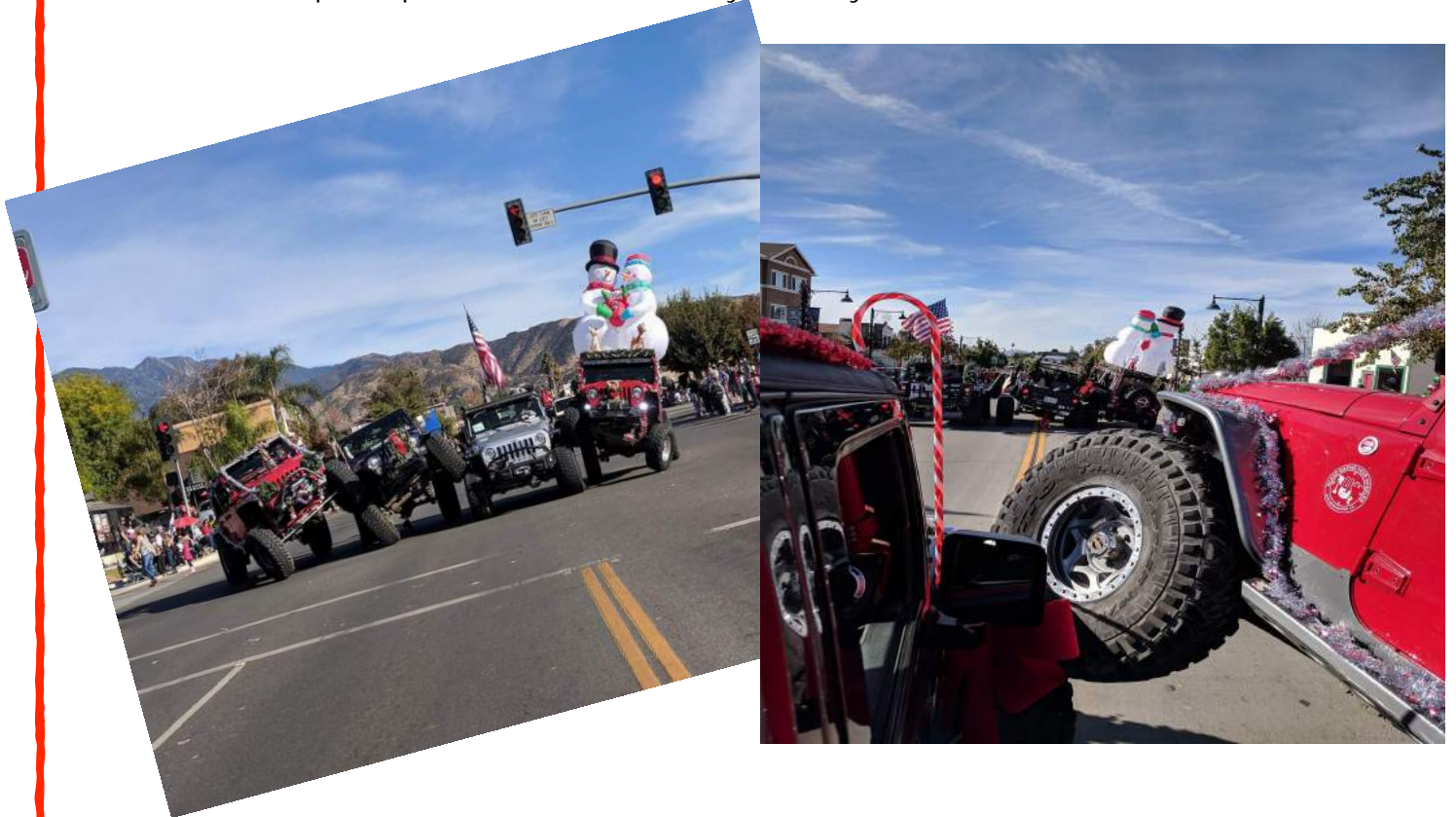
The responsibility of the Hospitality Chair is to post Birthdays, Anniversaries to Yahoo Groups. In the event of an illness, surgery or loss of a loved one, the Hospitality Chair person will send a card or arrangement to the affected Club Member. Please keep our Hospitality Chair in the loop. If you know of a Club Member who is ill, hospitalized, having surgery, or has suffered a loss- pass the word on.

Email: [hospitality@ie4w.com](mailto:hospitality@ie4w.com).

### Yucaipa Christmas Parade

**Participants:** Jim and Sue Sloan, Doug and Kellie Russell, Ron Fleming and Guest, Joe Martinez and Loren Campbell with Michelle Creed, Jim and Teri Patterson, Mike Vercruse, Karen and Bill Henry, Matt and Sue Martell and Grandkids, Todd Vargason, George and Kay Stauber, Tony and Cindy Nunnally, John Dunlap with Cece, Rick Clay. John and Lynnda Kelly

Thanks to all who participated in the fun, our city Thanks you too! [Jim and Sue Sloan](#)





Yucaipa Christmas Parade - continued



## Dale Mining District Club Run- December 16, 2017

**Trail Leader:** Joe Martinez Loren Campbell

**Mid Gunner 1:** Debbie Coffin Cindy Coffin

**Mid Gunner 2:** George and Kay Stauber

**Tail Gunners:** Teri and Jim Patterson

**Members:** Chaun and Dani Goldberg, Tom and Sherie Thompson, Mallory and Daryl Jordon, Mike Moore and Mike Maxson, Bill Bem, John and Jonathan Maldonado, Todd Vargas, Mark and Peggy Ogaz, Kevin Rice and Barbara Bongiorno, Bobby and Cindy Holley, Taz and Bonnie McNeill, Nancy Kenny, Super D & Jackie Sorcic, John and Ming Letzkus, Morgan Hertel and Sharla Taylor, Matt and Sue Martel, Bob Berg, Bob and Karen Peterson, John Dunlap and Cece, Linda Kelly, Bill Rhett, Randy and Roxann Stockberger

**Guests:** Matthew and Mandy Goldberg, Chris and Nikki Ogaz, Craig Wilcutt Jr and Andrea Flores, Michelle and Court Creed, Robin Reed and Johnathan Thomas, Mike Anderson and Cindy, David Meyer, Susie Santos

A group of about 50 descended on the IHOP in Palm Desert at 7:30. The staff did an amazing job of serving us and we were all the parking lot for our run by 8:15. After a quick driver meeting, everybody jumped on the I10 and headed East to the Cottonwood entrance of Joshua Tree National Park. At the visitor center, we were joined by another half dozen rigs. We all aired down there, had a driver's meeting, and headed through the park to Old Dale Mine Road where we hit the dirt.

Our first stop was the Mission Mine, which has one of the best preserved mills, and features two shafts that descended 1200' under the desert, making it the deepest mine west of the Mississippi. After crawling around the mill, and trying to imagine how it worked, we headed on to our next stop.

Gold Crown Mine was our second stop. It is one of the large scale operation mines. The mine operated from 1926 to 1938, and you could see all the massive concrete foundations and footings to drill and pull the ore up from 600' depths.

We drove past the town of New Dale, and Loren told stories about some of the miners that worked there, including the story of Charles Thomas who was killed in a gunfight and buried in New Dale.

We stopped for lunch at the OK Mine, another big scale operation where the claim was discovered in 1890 and was worked as recently as the 1980s. The buildings were evident of a 100 years of the history that had taken place there.

After lunch, we drove down past the Emerald Canyon into a circle route of about 6 mines. The first one we stopped at was the Brooklyn Mine. There is an old building there that is now a Campers Cabin that some of the group hung out at, while the rest hiked up the hill to visit The Brooklyn Mine. The Brooklyn Mine tunnels went back on several levels that went deep into the mountain, and we explored them extensively with our flashlights. Super D and Toyota D explored them the deepest, crawling for a hundred yards or so.

We then went back the Rose and Peru, Princess, and Gold Standard Mines, but due to the time of day, we didn't have time to explore those, saving them for another trip. We got back to the Visitor's Center about 4:30, just ahead of the sun setting, and finished airing up in the desert darkness. After the end of the run, a group of about 30 people went to dinner in Palm Desert. It was a great day running the trails followed by dinner.

Thank you to all my Trail Guides for keeping everyone moving and safe, Joe Martinez



Dale Mining District Club Run- December 16, 2017-continued





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## Big Bear Forest Fest Platinum Sponsors

We Thank You for Your Support!



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.