

LOW RANGE RAMBLIN'

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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!

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

The Redlands Elks Lodge #583

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.



IE4W Board 2021 –2022

Karen Henry, Mike Ewing, Ron Fleming and Jennifer Ewing



HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY TO ALL!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Trip Reports

Run Report

Owens Valley Run

May 20 – 22, 2022

Members:

Mark and Peggy Ogaz

John and Elsa Dunlap

Jim and Teri Patterson

Robin Reed

Tom and Sheri Thompson

Guests:

Scott Beggins

Dave and Linda Jones

It started out Friday morning very windy in town. We lined up at the hotel in Lone Pine at 8:30, had a quick driver's meeting and headed out at 9:00 for our first run. Our day one run was Mazourka Canyon out of Independence. We aired down at the entrance to the canyon and headed north. The first thing we noticed was the wind in the canyon had died making the run very pleasant. Mazouka Canyon is an easy to moderate trail. The trail led us 30 miles north to HWY 168. We stopped at several peaks that overlooked the Owens Valley, but the dust in the Owen's Valley blocked the view of most of the valley. We drove up to Mazourka Peak above 9500 feet before trying to finish the run. Jim Patterson had a leak in his transmission line. We were able to patch it with Rescue Tape. Deciding it would be safer to tow it to the highway, we hooked up and headed out the last few miles. After airing up, Jim was able to drive back to the hotel with no issues. (Think about adding Rescue Tape to your tool bag.) We met for dinner in town and retired for the evening.

Day two started out sunny and calm. We met at 8:30 and left after the drivers meeting. We headed south this time heading to the trailhead for the Salt Tram and Cerro Gordo. It was another easy to moderate run up into the White Mountains. The plant life changes drastically from the valley floor to the peak of the mountain. Lots of Sage and Lavender to start, above 6000' we entered the tree line with Juniper and Bristlecones. The views on Saturday were amazing. At one point we could stand and look East to the Saline Valley, West to the Owens Valley, and South as the White Mountains faded away. On the way up to the Salt Tram, we made a quick side trip to the Burgess Mine. We had lunch at the Salt Tram at the peak. It was amazing to be able to look in both directions and see cable towers going down the mountain in both directions.

After lunch we headed over to Cerro Gordo mining ghost town for a stop and to take pictures. Unfortunately, the American Hotel has burned down. There are many other buildings to visit, but the jewel was the hotel. We headed down the trail and aired up before getting on the highway to head into town. We had a potluck dinner that evening. The fellowship shared was amazing, we talked until we finally had to go to our rooms to sleep. Thank you to all that attended.

Mark and Peggy Ogaz



Safety Report

By Jerry Burgess



Safely Descend a Hill Automatically

If you own a newer Jeep or other 4x4, chances are you have HDC (Hill Descent Control). When descending a grade over 8% (like going down to Horse Thief Flats), you encounter loose rocks causing wheel slip. Traditional braking applies pressure to all wheels and doesn't control wheel slip. Chances are you'll clamp down on the brakes more when you feel the slip, lock up, slide and lose steering control because your wheels aren't rolling. That's not good and is reactionary after the fact. How about activating an automated control system and maintaining steering control? Ahhh, YES!

HDC uses the Anti-Lock Braking System (ABS) system of rotor sensors and independent wheel braking, the Traction Control System, Transmission selection, detection of Brake Pedal application, detection of Accelerator Pedal application to monitor individual wheel rotation to allow for controlled descent over rough terrain with the objective of maximum traction. You'll hear the pulsing of the individual brakes at each wheel to allow for rolling but not locking (sliding) of each wheel to achieve maximum control of the descent allowing you to steer and control the descent speed that is comfortable to you. At any time, the HDC can be overridden by the use of the Accelerator pedal or Brake pedal. The indicator light will flash and take over again when the Brake pedal or Accelerator pedal is released. Turn it off when you're done descending hills. HDC will stop after leaving 4 Low, parking brake activated or driver door open is detected.

HDC works only in 4 Low Range, slopes over 8%, and after the HDC button is activated. Pick the Transmission gear to determine the descent rate either on the floor shifter (older models) or with the manual mode (+) (-) on (newer models). HDC uses computer analysis of wheel rotation and other sensors to calculate the speed and 4 wheel independent brake applications to descend your vehicle. All you do is steer and supervise. If you haven't tried this feature, you should. Look for the button with a cruise control circle over a downhill vehicle or on newer models it may appear as a cruise control circle over a vehicle on flat ground which means it does descent and uphill speed control. Remember if it's going way too slow, shift to the next gear up and if it's too fast, shift to the next lower gear. Just steer. Don't use on rock crawling, and always watch for ledges or drops that the system can't detect. It's best on slopes.

4WD Low Range MPH Set Speeds:

	2011	2021
1st	1.0	0.6
2nd	2.5	1.2
3rd		1.8
4th		2.5
5th		3.1
6th		3.7
7th		4.3
8th		5.0
9th		5.6
D (Drive)	7.5	0.6
REVERSE	1.0	0.6
NEUTRAL		1.2
PARK		OFF



FUTURE RUNS and EVENTS

Veterans Car Show - October 15, 2022

Elks Lodge—Redlands

IE4W will need 10 volunteers to help coordinate parking and assist in other areas as needed. Please, show your support for our Veterans and sign-up to volunteer.



**19TH ANNUAL
WILLYS & JEEP RALLY
&
CHILI COOK-OFF**
OCTOBER 15, 2022
DOWNTOWN WRIGHTWOOD, CA
JEEP RALLY 9 A.M. - 2 P.M.
CHILI COOK-OFF 11 A.M. - 4 P.M.
SALSA TASTING 11 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
BEER GARDEN
JALAPENO EATING CONTEST
CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT
50/50 DRAWING

The Jeep Rally is open to the public and is free for participants. Owners of all models of Jeeps are encouraged to come and participate in this car show-style event. Please arrive prior to 8:30 a.m. and park along Park Dr. for the rally. Visit Wrightwoodchamber.org to sign up for the Chili Cook-Off and salsa tasting competition.
1275 Highway 2, Wrightwood, CA 92397



FUTURE RUNS and EVENTS

Truck Haven

October 22nd

Bob and Karen Petterson



STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION



Thanksgiving 2022 at Parker annual club run

UPDATE (12/11/2021) for Thanksgiving 2022 is a little over a year away.

2022 Thanksgiving will be at Buckskin Mountain State Park where IE4W members will be camping at Buckskin Mountain State Park outside of Parker, Az.

Some IE4W members have already reserved RV spots at Buckskin Mountain State Park.

The club run will be on Friday, November 25, 2022 will be leaving from Buckskin Mountain State Park. The club trail run for that Friday has not been determined yet.

We will be having Thanksgiving dinner together on Thursday, November 24, 2022. I will be deep frying a turkey and Mike Ewing is going to also cook a turkey too. So turkeys are covered.

If any IE4W members or guests are interest in going. You should probably book now with Buckskin Mountain State Park. Furthermore, if you don't find any campsites available now, keep looking throughout the year as campsite do come available

Buckskin Mountain State Park phone number is 877-697-2557. You can also google the Buckskin Mountain State Park for more info.

Contact me if you have any questions and hope to see you guys there.

Ron Fleming



Meeting Minutes

IE4W Minutes for May 5th, 2022

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Tom Thompson

Introduction of Guest:

Bryan Alexander
Paul & Kandi Davidson

Welcome:

Secretary's Report: Jennifer Ewing- ✓ Anything on minutes???

Motion by: Glenn Tetley

Second by: Ron Fleming to accept Minutes as Published.

Motioned Passed: ALL

✓Trail leaders fill out report & put on Forum Please!

Treasurer's Report: Karen Henry –started the month with \$30,093.54

PIP printing

Merchandise sales \$93

50/50 \$60/\$30, winner was JD

Motioned by: Todd Vargason

Second by: Glenn Tetley

Approved by: All

Vice President & Land & Use Report: Ron Fleming

Nothing to report

Committee Chair Reports::

Merchandise: Mike Anderson –

Please contact Mike Anderson if you need any merchandise.

Newsletter: Karen Henry – Format changed to accommodate information, round up moved to back page.

Membership: - Bill Bem – see bill for membership packets.

Hospitality: Karen Henry – nothing to report

Round Up: - Bob Peterson – To be held on 5/10 at Graziano's

Adopt A Trail: – Robin Reed-Absent

Historian: Bobby Holley – Absent

Website: Teri Patterson – nothing to report

Scholarship: Mike Ewing – Announced scholarship winners.

Logan Murray, son of Mike and Jennifer Ewing

Anthony Hernandez, grandson of Bill and Karen Henry

Motion to accept Anthony Hernandez as the second scholarship winner due to fact he did not meet the full scholarship requirements with a parent guardian in a 4 wheel drive club.

Motioned by: Tom Thompson
Second by: Glenn Tetley

Safety: Jerry Burgess – Absent
Winching Safety

Report on Past Runs:

Ewing-Bullfrog/Cakewalk
Rice-Gold Mtn/John Bull
Patterson-North Coyote Canyon Baileys Cabin

Future Runs: Kevin Rice

Ogaz-Lone Pine, 5/19
Peterson-Truck Haven, 10/22
Fleming-Parker, 11/25

Future Events:

10/15-Veterans Car Show
6/4-Desert Gateway Summerfest
10/15-19th Annual Willys & Jeep Rally Chili Cook off

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Discussed creating a Budget-need yearly expenses and income.
Discussed gathering all account info for the club to be located and listed.

Sheriff's Report: Bill Henry – Absent

Meeting Close

Motion by: Terri Patterson

Second by: Dani Goldberg

Meeting Adjourned at: 8pm

Motioned Passed All

Respectfully Submitted by: - Jennifer Ewing
IE4W Secretary



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.



Round-up, Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Graziano's Pizza Restaurant
1080 E. Washington St.
Colton, CA 92324

IE4W's newest member, Glenn Tetley on the RT1 articulation ramp. Great job Glenn!

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

