

LOW RANGE RAMBLIN'

DECEMBER 2021—HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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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





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello IE4W members and guests,

Hope everyone has a nice Thanksgiving! Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Party on December 11th. Remember to go to the Forum and sign-up for a side dish. Great to see all of the trail runs this past month. Good stuff in Parker, AA., thanks Ron! Also, on the local side Tood on Onyx and Kevin getting it done with multiple runs. Don't forget the club run this month on December 30th in Truck Haven. See you on the trails!

Mike Ewing



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.



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 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 following 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

Safety Report

By Jerry Burgess

Different Fire Extinguisher

I know we all have an ABC fire extinguisher in our 4x4 in the event of a fire. Over time the powder settles to the bottom during driving and can pack. I keep mine on the side and roll the container a quarter or half a way in the holder to keep the material moving inside. During my IE4W vehicle inspection process, Glen introduced me to a new concept extinguisher which made sense. I know it may have been mentioned in a meeting, but I wanted to provide some written information in case someone wanted to update or replace their old unit. The concept introduces propellant from a compressed gas cylinder into the replaceable cartridge where the non-toxic powder is contained making the extinguisher ready for use. The extinguisher cartridge is able to be churned by an internal mixing device by way of a handle device on the bottom preventing packing. The compressed gas cylinder is also replaceable. Kits and some tools for changing cartridges can be obtained to self-service the extinguisher. It's a different idea along the safety line, so it gets a place here this month.

According to their site ("<https://www.rusoh.com/products/eliminator-abc>") I will just reproduce their description of the extinguisher:

"The Rusoh® Eliminator® Self-Service, Multipurpose, Rechargeable, Dry Chemical Fire Extinguisher is truly the first self-service fire extinguisher of its kind. This cartridge-based 5lb unit is rated at 3-A:40-B:C and is the first portable, self-service extinguisher to be UL approved and listed by the State of California BML program and meets NFPA 10 1.2.2. The Rusoh® Eliminator® self-service concept is rooted in creating a fire extinguisher that is more reliable than standard stored pressure units; and is easy to maintain, requiring no third-party service intrusion or costs. Self-service is accomplished by the patented Rusoh® fluffing wheel that can be used at every inspection to keep the dry chemical extinguishing agent in a fluid and ready state. Keeping this dry chemical in a fluid state is one of the primary reasons service is required for traditional extinguishers. The fine particles will naturally compact and become dense, potentially making discharge ineffective and putting you and your business at risk. A cartridge-based, non-pressurized design gives reliability and reusability performance advantages over traditional stored pressure units. No need to check the pressure gauge to see if there was a leak because the unit is not pressurized until you need it. Twist the lock, push the puncture lever and you are ready to knock down incipient fires."

Jerry Burgess



Trip Reports

Onyx/ Heartbreak Ridge 11/6/2021

As planned we met at the ranger station off the 38 and left at 8:30 am sharp. We ran on channel 19 GMRS all day with very little interference once we got up the hill. We had 9 rigs at that point. Members Mike Anderson, Bob Berg, Mike and Jen Ewing (tail gunners), Cindy Coffin, George and Kay Stauber and myself. In tow were guests Karl Tolp, Kevin Tethy and Glen Tethy. On this run we had the pleasure of pen striping two new rigs. George and Kay's LJ and Karl's JT. It took us about 45 minutes to get up to trailhead on 2N01 where we met Kevin Rice and guests Kevin and Flea Marcus and Jim and Gail Schmidt. We aired down and had a short drivers meeting and we're off for the day. We made our way to the Juniper Flats camp site for a quick coffee deposit where we encountered our first deer hunters of the day. They were all over the mountain. We did not see any successful ones. Then back to the trail and we quickly made our way to the Pontiac loop. We skipped the mine as we had 12 rigs and that would have been pretty tight up there. No issues on the climb and only the JT needed a little spotting. Good work Kevin Rice from our friendly mid gunner. We forged ahead to the top at Heartbreak Ridge and had our lunch at around 11:30 and 45 minutes later back on the trail to make our way back. Along the way as we reached 2N02 Kevin Marcus, Jim and Karl opted to head back the way we came in VS. finishing the trail with the rest of us. We made our way past the old outhouse and then down the boulder field. No issues other than Mike Anderson picked the toughest line without lockers and had to apply a little skinny pedal to get over a boulder. The result was the twisting of the Jeep body and the fan clipping the radiator and creating a leak. We let it cool and topped off the radiator and got back on our way. Not too much later as we were approaching the end of the trail I hear Bob was attacked by rock monster on 2N02 and it slashed a sidewall on his passenger front tire. I thought Halloween was over. With the lightning efficiency of a Nascar pit crew Mike, Kevin, Kevin and Glen had the tire changed and we were on our way again. Glen and Kevin thanks for jumping in and helping out. So, we should have a clear shot to the end but then we get another call on the radio and someone has run out of fuel. Good news is there was a spare can on board and after another stop we were able to get to the trail head, air up the tires, say our goodbye's and head for home. Total trail was 23 miles and took just short of 5 hours. The weather was fantastic 60 and sunny for most of the day. Thanks all for coming out with me and we will catch you on the next one.

Todd



Trip Reports

IE4W Adopt A Trail 2N36 and 2N37 on 11-14-2021 Trip Report

With the late notice and another run the day before the turnout was small. Kevin Much Thanks for showing up and making it a successful day. We started down 2N37 from the 138 and immediately started finding trash. We turned up 2N36 Pilot Rock Ridge Road and found some trash but over all it was fairly clean. The road was in fairly good condition except for one area that was narrow. I wouldn't recommend driving a 5 ton or heavier Truck up but my F250 would have no problem. After we finished 2N36 we cruised over 2N33 and headed down 2N37. We found some trash on the way down but not bad. 2N37 is in good shape. Toward the end of the trail we talked to a couple driving a JLJ and invited them to follow us on a run from Silverwood to Arrowhead after our AAT run which we finished at 11:27am.

Robin Reed



Trip Reports

Parker Thanksgiving 2021 Club Run trip report

November 26, 2021

Parker Thanksgiving Club Run was on Friday, day after a nice Thanksgiving dinner at Buckskin Mountain State Park with IE4W members.

We all met at Cienega Springs Road to air down and discuss the trail run plan. After airing down I took the group of 5 Jeeps on a little warm up trail run called Three Slabs, which is maybe a 2 rating before heading over to run True Grit. As I'm leaving Three Slabs I hear a call out that Todd has a front flat tire. Well I guess Todd caught a rock just right and sliced open his new front tire 😬. NASCAR pit crew goes to work and we had the tire changed in 30 minutes 😮.

Back on the road for the True Grit trail. Once at True Grit we made quick work of the trail with some nice spotting by Jerry and Bob.

After True Grit, Jerry took the lead and led the group to some cool mine and mine shafts. I forgot the name of the mine. But, Evan and I were throwing some big rocks down the mine shaft and they were bouncing off the shaft walls for along time.

After the mine tour we split into two groups. Jerry, Evan, and Gavin took Gray Eagle Mine road back to Buckskin Mountain camp and Tammy, Bob, Karen, Todd, and I went over to the Desert Bar. When we got to the Desert Bar, that place was hopping and hard to find a parking spot. But, by the time we got our food, the place had emptied out. As a group we also took Gray Eagle Mine road back to camp. Great day on the trails.

Ron

Trail leader: Ron Fleming and Tammy Roberts

members:

Jerry Burgess





Meeting Minutes

IE4W Minutes for November 4th, 2021

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Mark Ogaz

Introduction of Guest:

Richard Spears
Glenn Tutley
Karl Tolp
Mickey Ask
Adrian

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

Motion by: Robin Reed
Second by: Mark Ogaz 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 \$35,518.43

-Raffle \$253
-Merchandise \$15

Motioned by: Mark Ogaz
Second by: Todd Vargason

Approved by: All

Vice President & Land & Use Report: Ron Fleming

CORVA meeting regarding trail cleanup and membership

Committee Chair Reports::

Merchandise: Mike Anderson – Inventory recap
Motion to donate past BBFF merchandise to charity
1st: Mark Ogaz
2nd: Robin Reed

Newsletter: Karen Henry – Newsletter has added recipe on back

Membership: - Bill Bem – Membership packets for new guests.

Hospitality: Karen Henry – nothing to report

Round Up: - Bob Peterson – Graziano's on 11/9
-will bring the teeter totters

Adopt A Trail: – Robin Reed

Additional trails for AAT. Currently 5 trails.
Adding 3 more motioned 2N36, 2N37 and 3N14
1st: Mike Ewing
2nd: Mark Ogaz

Historian: Bobby Holley – Absent

Website: Teri Patterson – Absent

Update provided by Karen Henry. New feature added by request of president to add contact information and reply message. Contact info goes to Membership chair and President for follow up.

Safety: Jerry Burgess – Flash Flood Warning

With a few desert runs coming up during the winter. A great reminder to keep in mind about Flash floods. The weight of water times the gallons of water per acre and inches of rain can be very dangerous. Higher ground is always best.

Donations to other Organizations: Chaun Goldberg - Absent

Report on Past Runs:

Pink on Parade-Rachel Bem

Future Runs: Kevin Rice

Onyx Summit-Vargason, 11/6
Combo Run-Rice, 11/13 (Holcolm, JB, LJB, Gold mountain)
Parker-Fleming, 11/26
Truck Haven-Ewing, 12/31
Superstition Mtn-Ogaz, 1/14-16

Future Events:

Christmas Party, 12/11 6pm-10pm
-RSVP and food list to be added to forum
-contact Rachel Bem to help decorate
-President decided not to charge guest fees to participate.

Old Business:

GMRS vs HAM

-Motion to move to GMRS no later than Jan 1st

1st:Robin Reed

2nd:Bill Henry

New Business:

-Yucaipa Christmas parade 12/11 at 11am to be added by Karen Henry as run.
-Donation to SD4W \$125
1st:Mark Ogaz
2nd:John Dunlap
-Elks Lodge Veterans Car show 11/2022 participation

Sheriff's Report: Bill Henry – \$6

-late start

-Break on trail

Meeting Close

Motion by: Mike Ewing

Second by: Ron Fleming

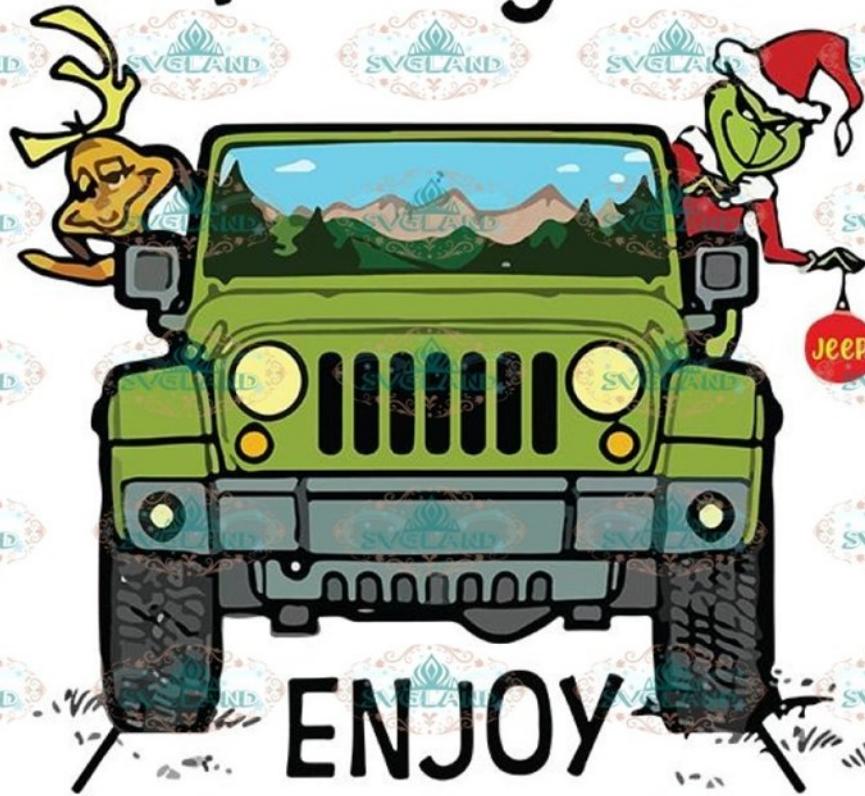
Meeting Adjourned at: 8:52pm

Motioned Passed All



Respectfully Submitted by: - Jennifer Ewing
IE4W Secretary

Life is good



ENJOY
THE RIDE

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Macadamia-Almond Christmas Cookies

Ingredients:

2 cups macadamia nuts
1 1/2 cups sugar
12 tablespoons (1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature
1/2 cup vegetable shortening
2 large eggs
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
1 tablespoon almond extract
2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/4 teaspoons baking soda
1/2 teaspoon fine salt
2 cups white chocolate chips
1 cup pistachios, roughly chopped
1 cup dried cranberries
Nonstick cooking spray
48 to 60 red-and-white striped chocolate kiss candies



Directions:

Put the macadamia nuts in a food processor and process until smooth and buttery (this should measure about 1 cup). Add the sugar, butter and shortening and pulse until blended. Add the eggs and vanilla and almond extracts and pulse until blended. Add the flour, baking soda and salt and pulse until just incorporated. Transfer the cookie dough to a medium bowl and fold in the white chocolate chips, pistachios and cranberries. Cover and refrigerate the dough for 30 minutes. Adjust the oven racks to the upper and lower thirds and preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Coat 2 baking sheets with cooking spray.

Scoop out heaping tablespoons of dough, roll into balls and space about 2 inches apart on the prepared baking sheets. (You will need to bake the cookies in batches; be sure to allow the baking sheets to cool in between batches.)

Bake until the bottoms and edges of the cookies are golden brown but the middles are still soft, about 10 minutes. (The cookies will bake a bit after they come out of the oven) Press a chocolate candy kiss into each warm cookie. Allow the cookies to cool on the baking sheet for a few minutes and then transfer to a rack to cool completely. Store at room temperature in an airtight container for up to 3 days. (If they last that long)

From the holiday kitchen of: Karen Henry

Yields 4 to 5 dozen cookies