

LOW RANGE RAMBLIN'

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Inland Empire 4 Wheelers

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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!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY TERI PATTERSON



Forest Fest registration is open, please sign up early so that we know who we can count on. Like we have said before it takes the whole club to make a successful Forest Fest.

Teri
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.

Odd numbered months are the IE4W social event. Please check the club calendar for details.



The IE4W Roundup is held the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

April will be held at:

Surfer Joes' Pizza 251 E. Redlands Blvd. San Bernardino CA 92408
6:00—9:00 pm

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

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Jennifer Traven Ken & Cindy Ehlers	4	5 Business Mtg.	6	7 Powder Puff Run
8	9 Char Hart	10 Round Up	11	12	13	14 Teri Patterson Terry McNeill
15 Kevin Strong	16	17 Cindy Nunnally	18 Brenda Harris	19 Ken Ehlers Richard & Lynette Casiano	20	21
22	23	24	25 Karsyn Kemp Nancy Kenny Dakotah Traven	26 Mike Maxson	27	28
29	30					

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Powder Puff Run - April 7th

Taboose Creek Memorial Day Run - May 27th-28th

Big Bear Forest Fest - June 13th– 15th

All4 Fun - July 27th - Aug 2nd (Colorado)

HOSPITALITY

The responsibility of the Hospitality Chair is to post Birthdays, Anniversaries to the Forum. 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. Please email Hospitality@ie4w.com

Safety Report

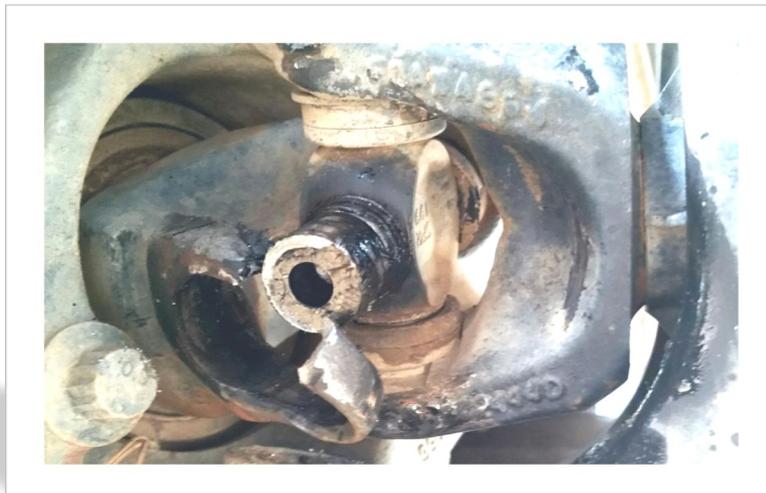
By Jerry Burgess

What's That Strange Noise?

I would venture to guess that we all have experienced the NEW strange noise phenomenon. This happens to be the noise that wasn't there before, but now it is quite obvious and appears without any reasonable explanation. In the years past, my sand rail would tell me about a broken weld or a cracked tubing by an obvious CLICK sound when the frame was twisted causing the part to stress through the crack. My old motorhome would have its own noises when a driveshaft bearing went dry and the needle bearings would make a PING noise on the shaft. Aside from a multitude of other noises that the old motorhome made that had their reasons.

This last run to Gold Mtn. was no exception for the new noise syndrome with me. A very short time after we started the climb on the gravel road, and before any obstacles, I put the JK in low range so I could easily work the corners and run slower with the traffic. About the 3rd switchback, I heard a sudden and obvious new noise that was a CHIRP sound in the LF wheel. Thinking it might be a rock in the brake caliper, I slowed and continued to hear it, so I sent out my passenger to look at the wheel to see what he could see that might be the problem. Very quickly Dave wanted me to look at the problem. I had blown the yoke out on the stub shaft, leaving the universal hanging out and parts were colliding with the lower components. I am glad we broke down early in the run if we had anything good to say about something breaking.

After some thought, the axle was tied up with a couple laps of rebar tie wire to keep it from falling down and we drove off the trail in 2x where a tow truck shuttled us safely home. The lesson to be learned from this experience is to be aware of the sounds that your vehicle makes. Investigate any NEW noises that abruptly appear and determine how the creation of the noise affects the part that is making the noise. Once the noise and the part have been observed and you determine whether or not to continue, it would be based upon the safety of the use of that part and how it might impact you or others around it. Inspect your parts for missing clips, cracks, loose nuts and bolts, or parts that have shifted or were bent out of place before something catastrophic takes place. Now might be a good time to start your inspections before BBFF so we don't have issues while on the trail.



Gold Mtn/ Little John Bull

We met up at the trail head at 10.

Members; Kevin Rice, Barbara Bongiorno, Matt and Sue Martel, Cindy and Debbie Coffin, John Letzkis, Robin Reed, Kevin Strong, Jerry Burgess, Craig and Char Hart, Neil Stratton, John Dunlap, Dick Gervais (cindy), Guests; Johnathan, Mike Anderson, Tony Giammona, Tristan and Lily Bell, Joe Rosaler.

Trail Leader KevinR, Tailgunner Dick Gervais.

We aired down met Tristan and Lily, who been left on there own after there friends didn't show up. They decided to come with us. We had a meeting and started up the road in a very light rain. About a half mile up, I herd someone had a noise. Jerry had a broken axle. Craig and Jerry tried to fix it. Too late. They wired it up, and Jerry made it back to the pavement to wait for a tow truck. We went on up the trail, rain stoped, got through the next 2 obstacles with no problems. Had lunch in a turnout and kept going. Made it over to little JB. The trail was wet but not bad. Moving along without a problem. Just past the middle obstacle I found a open container of 90wt oil next to a tree. We stopped and put together a sealed container and clean up. Went out to van dusen canyon rd, to find it closed. Had to go out Polique Canyon. Aired up at the Hwy and most of us went to dinner at Maggios.

A great day and great company.

Thanks To everyone who came out.

Kevin R.





Scavenger Hunt Turned Holcomb Creek Snow Run

March 17, 2018

Trail Leader: Loren Campbell and Joe Martinez

Tail Gunner: Mark Ogaz and Seamus

Members: Debbie Coffin and Cindy Coffin, George and Kay Stauber, Robin Reed and Greg Hope

It snowed Friday night, so chain requirements on the highways slowed travel up the mountain but made the drive absolutely gorgeous. Once the group arrived at the Discovery Center, we had a Driver's Meeting to discuss the Scavenger Hunt plans. It appeared right away that everyone was a winner, so there was really no point in having a competition, so we dismissed the idea of the Scavenger Hunt and went to Plan B. I gave the group a choice of 3 runs, Gold Mountain; Little John Bull and the Squeeze, or Holcomb Creek. It ended up being a tie, so our guest Greg made the deciding vote and we set off for Holcomb Creek.

The 3-4" of snow that arrived overnight really put you in the mood for a fantastic snow run, and Holcomb did not disappoint us. As soon as we turned in to start the trail, we were on untracked snow that lasted till we hit the X Trail when we encountered a single Jeep. Everyone easily cleared the first obstacle, and the drive to and through the Middle Rock Garden was quite enjoyable. Shortly after the Garden, we encountered a group of 5 rigs, but squeezed off the trail and let them pass.

Shortly after that, I heard a hiss from my right rear, and discovered that a gash from a previous trip had opened up and spitting out air. Joe wanted to just change out the spare (yes, I carry one), but I said let's try to patch it, it will be quicker. It wasn't. We put 3 plugs in it, and it still leaked when the tire flexed. Then we got out the bottle jack, tire wheel, and breaker bar, and quickly changed the tire. It turned out Joe was right, but if I hadn't tried to plug it, I wouldn't have known the tire was beyond repair, so I maintain we were both right. Several members saw the Spanish Fort for the first time, which was kind of cool, most of the time I drive past it before I call it out.

We continued on to McDonald Rock where we stopped for a snack, and then headed on to the final rock garden. Unfortunately, the gatekeeper has been busted up pretty bad, and you can really just drive through it now.

The drive up 3N16 to Green Valley was beautiful, we aired up, and headed down the mountain for an early dinner at Mi Cochina. It was a great day, an awesome group, and a vivid reminder of why we love this sport so much.

Loren Campbell





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The Inland Empire Four Wheelers regular business meeting is held the first Thursday of each month.

Crosswalk Church

10421 Corporate Dr. #B

Redlands, CA

7:00pm

Exit Mountain view Ave. off the 10 fwy and go south to the first street and turn left on Business Center Dr. Go 2 blocks and turn right on Corporate Dr.

Second building on the left. Entrance is at the back with plenty of parking.

All are welcome

March 2018 Meeting Minutes

Pledge of Allegiance led by Randy Stockberger
Introduction of Guests: Ray and Debbie White

Secretary's report - Cindy Coffin - rosters will be passed around after break

Vote on Minutes - Randy moved to accept minutes as published. Bob Berg seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report - Mike Moore - started month with \$43,301.26. Motion by George Stauber to pay bills. Kevin Rice seconded. Motion passed

Vice Presidents and Land Use Report - Loren Campbell - info on CORVA - \$30.00 to join and cool stickers sent to you after joining.

Committee Chair Reports:

Merchandise - Peggy Ogaz - still looking for a volunteer to take over - also \$5 sweatshirt sale

Newsletter - Dani Goldberg - send info directly to her.

Membership - Joe Martinez - has membership packets also Robin Reed will be voted on for membership

Hospitality - Kay Stauber taking over

Forest Fest - Mike Moore and Peggy Ogaz - testing web site for registration. Mark Ogaz stated that 8 or 9 vendors have signed up. Loren reported that same trails will be on the schedule as last year.

Round-up - Darryl and Mallory Jordan - small turnout at Aloha Pizza. Meeting at Jersey's pizza in San Bernardino this month.

Adopt a Trail - Steven Soliz not present - Mark Ogaz reported on AAT run. Trail is in pretty good shape. Jim Miller attended meeting at Sizzler. Reported that we can no longer count travel time for AAT runs, just time spent on the trail. Next meeting will be on 6/20 at Sizzler in Corona.

Historian Report - Jackie Sorcic - not present - Loren Campbell did a report.

Website - Teri Patterson - no report

Scholarship - Tim Kemp - not present - however info is on the forums

Safety Report - Jerry Burgess - reported on driving under the influence. See report in Low Range Ramblin'.

15 minute break - refreshments provided by Karen Peterson. Refreshments for April - Ron Fleming and May - Nancy Kenny

Report on Past Events:

Holcomb - Kevin Rice

Shaft Canyon - Kevin Rice

Calico - Bob Peterson

Future Runs: Randy Stockberger

TDS at Truckhaven

March 10 - Gold Mtn and Little John Bull - Kevin Rice

March 17 - Loren Campbell - scavenger hunt - this is the monthly club run - meet at Discovery Center at 9:00 am

April 7 - powder puff run - Karen Henry

May 24 - 28 - Taboose Creek - Mark Ogaz

June 15 - 17 - Forest Fest - EVERYONE -

Club run for July is open

All 4 Fun - July 24 - August 4 - Silverton Colorado

Future Events

November 3 @ 5pm - Riley's Farm (Oak Glen) dinner and play - Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

Old Business - nothing

New Business - Cindy Coffin asked for clarification on non members not signing waivers. It was discussed and determined that if no waiver signed they cannot participate in our run. Waiver will also be reduced to one page. It will be available on the website and the forums for printing out and keeping in your vehicle. Ken Ehlers suggested researching other waivers and Ron Fleming asked if waivers should be signed each and every time guests are on runs.

Sheriffs Report - Jim Miller - trailer tire - Joe and Loren. Broken Axle - Ron Fleming. Colors - Rick Clay and Nancy Kenny. Late to meeting - Dick Gervais. Phone during meeting - Mark Ogaz.

Raffle Prizes provided by Chaun Goldberg. Raffle prizes for April - Joe Martinez. May - John Dunlap.

Closed Session - an action was taken.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted Cindy Coffin le4W Secretary

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Thank you for your support!!!

