

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!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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

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.



3rd Larry Peterson

8th George Stauber

11th Chaun Goldberg

11th Karen Henry



6th Loren Campbell & Joe Martinez

11th Jerry & Kathy Burgess

18th Bill & Rachel Bem



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings IE4W Members and Guests

It has been a pleasure and honor to serve as your President these past two years. God bless you all. I am looking forward to moving past Covid and enjoying the forest in the future with all of you.

Mark

President IE4W



A word from our Vice President
All California Forrest road closures, Sept 01 thru 17.

National Forest
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Southwest
Region

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FUTURE RUNS and Events

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 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

Safety Report

By Jerry Burgess

When you “wash” your 4x4, first make observations underneath and focus on the dirt cluster spots and ask WHY are those there and nowhere else? Do you worry about the garage floor or driveway under your 4x4? You shouldn’t see, nor should you have any cluster or spots of under your hood or under your 4x4 after driving dusty roads unless you have a leaking fluid line that is dripping or blowing back causing a wet spot where the dusty dirt collects. Tell-tale of a beginning problem. Consider your suspect liquids: brake fluid, power steering fluid, motor oil, engine coolant, diff oil, etc. one could be leaking.

Older vehicles, more than the newer, are subject to deterioration of rubber on tubes and lines in the form of cracking, bulging, or connection failures where fluids may escape. Additional equipment or modified suspensions may introduce mismatched parts to the travel distances where additional articulation might stress stock brake lines beyond their engineered travel ranges. The introduction of new longer brake lines to resolve this travel distance might not be installed in a way to prevent them from being pinched in coils or contact from tire abrasion on sharp turns. The additional oil coolers or PSC steering kits will have additional fluid lines inside the engine compartment. Are these protected from normal friction wearing from vibration where they meet sharp corners? Time and lots of off-road vibration will test the lines at a contact point. Lastly, if it’s not the line, maybe it’s a seal or a torn boot?

The articulation ramp is a great tool for checking the lines at the point of extreme articulation to ensure all the lines aren’t stressed or rubbing. Also, it’s a great time to just stand and gawk at the under side from a different angle just to “see what you can see” and look for something not right. Along with the fluid lines, while you’re under the hood, you should also check the vacuum lines and the rubber fittings and plastic tubes that, in my case, operate the A/C vent controls in my TJ. When there’s a vacuum leak, you can’t change the air flow to the dash as it defaults to defroster and the windshield gets cold and condensation forms. The bottom line is to find a crack, leak, or problem before you lose your fluids from important components and either cause damage, or if it’s brake fluid, have an accident due to low or no fluids.



Trip Reports

Big Bear and Back mostly on Dirt

August 14, 2021 by Robin Reed

Jeff & Kim, John & Ming & Dog, Glenn Tetley, Bill Bem, and Richard & Wendy Spears & Dog met me at the USFS Mill Creek Visitor Center on Highway 38 just east of Bryant St. We had a driver meeting at 7:55am & left at 8:00am. John and Ming drove the farthest getting up at 4 to leave on time.

We drove up to 1N12 where we shifted to low range so as to not overheat and headed to Morton Peak Fire Lookout. We encountered hikers and bicyclists on the way up and followed 4 of them the last mile up hill. Jeff Riley updated us on the cost of Mountain Bicycles and all the features available.

At Morton Peak Lookout each of us took turns going up and talking with the Volunteer Rangers



We continued up 1N12 to Angelus Oaks. ¼ mile on 38 to Middle Control Road, up to Converse 1N04 where we did a rolling bathroom break that John explained how to do. Then over to Radford Truck Trail 2N06 up to Big Bear for Lunch at Carls jr. around 11:15am. Both Kevins and Felycia and their Dogs met us in the parking lot.

People with dogs ate in the parking lot and the rest of us ate inside. We had another drivers meeting since we gained two more 4x4's.



When we left there was so much traffic that we couldn't make a left turn on Big Bear Blvd. I did right turns with Kevin Marcus directing me from the rear of the pack over to Knickerbacker without any wrong turns (good job Kevin). We then continued down 2N08, 2N10, to Clarks Grade 1N54, to 1N64 where we stopped for a break by Clarks Ranch.



We took a short run down Slide Lake Road 1N64A. At the bottom Kevin gave us a show on some of the large rocks.



He is really doing good.

Then back to 1N64 and down 1N09 past Keller Cliffs



to the 330 to air up at 4:50pm.



Since everyone was anxious to get to the end of the trail I sped up a little bit. Bill stayed on my tail the whole run and said that it was almost like following Randy.

We did the whole run using channel 18 on FRS/GMRS.

This was a "long run" without any breakdowns. Everyone did good including Glenn with his new Red JLU Rubicon modified by 4-West. Richard's clutch that he replaced after Mark's run did good also. I want to thank everyone on the run for making my job look easy.



MEETING MINUTES

IE4W Minutes for Aug. 5th, 2021

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Kevin Rice, thank you Kevin.

Introduction of Guest: Keith Chann; Richard Spear & Glenn Telley, thank you to ALL Guest.... Welcome

Welcome: Welcome to ALL Members & Guest

Secretary's Report: Kay Stauber – □ Anything on minutes???

****I have given credit on all those who went on Runs & Meetings!****

Motion by: Peggy Ogaz

Second by: Russ Deer to accept Minutes as Published.

Motioned Passed: ALL

Fun Fact: Today is "National Oyster Day!"

****Trail leaders fill out report & put on Forum & get them to Karen Henry & the Secretary Please!****

Treasurer's Report: Karen Henry – started the month with \$36,539.75

Karen had some bills to pay....

Motioned by: Todd Vargason

Second by: Ron Fleming

Approved by: ALL

Vice President & Land & Use Report: Robin Reed – Robin spoke on CORVA & put some information on the Forum regarding CORVA.

Committee Chair Reports::

Merchandise: Mike Anderson – Everything is going well; Merchandise was onsite for purchase.....

Newsletter: Karen Henry – She mentioned she was going to start a Recipe to share, so if you have any recipes to share, please submit them to Karen. All is going well.

Membership: - Peggy Ogaz – Will bring Packets at next meeting.....

Hospitality: Karen Henry – Sent a plant to Karen Deer's Memorial. All is going well.

Adopt A Trail: – Mark Ogaz will be doing the AAT and he will put a run together for one soon. Also, ALL that went on the last one will get credit & hours for the AAT.

Historian: Bobby Holley – Absent

Website: Teri Patterson - Absent

Scholarship: Mike Ewing – Nothing to Report!

Safety: Jerry Burgess – Spoke about CBs & HAMS and to make sure all looked at ALL SPECS on them. Also spoke briefly about GMSRs.....

Donations to other Organizations: Chaun Goldberg -Absent

Break: Drinks for September's Mtg will be provided by Kevin Rice....

Report on Past Runs: Mark Ogaz spoke about his run to Bishop and said all went well, except for a few small mishaps...

Future Runs: Kevin Rice

Robin Reed – Big Bear/Aug. 14th, will be leaving at 8:00 sharp!

Kevin Rice – Gold Mtn/John Bull/Aug. 28th, will leave Gold Mtn at 8:00!

Mike Ewing – Cleghorn/Pilot Rock Sept. 18th!

Ron Fleming – Havasu/Parker November 26th!

Mike Ewing – Truck Haven – December 31st!

Future Events: ***Cool Down Party at Bill & Karen Henry was canceled***

Old Business:

July 1st, 2021, Membership Due

IE4W Christmas Party will be on December 11th

***Elks Lodge providing dinner – Chairperson – Chaun & Dani Goldberg - Absent

New Business: ***September's IE4W Meeting has been moved to September 9th!*** Will let all know the location soon.....

***Instillation Picnic will be held at Jim & Teri Patterson's house on Saturday, September 11th, @1:00!

IE4W Christmas Party will be on December 11th

-Moving to GMRS, starting November 1st.

Motioned by: Ron Fleming

Second by: George Stauber

Passed by: ALL

We voted on Trail Leader & Trail Gunner at August Mtg.

Nominations for Board -August Meeting:

President – Mike Ewing
Vice President- Ron Fleming
Secretary – Jennifer Ewing
Treasure – Karen Henry

Motioned by: Todd Vargason
Second by: Bill Bem
Passed by: ALL

Sheriff's Report: Bill Henry – Gave out a lot of "Fines" lots of laughs & thank you Bill for making it a lot of fun!

Raffle Prizes: - \$125.00 on August Raffle...

Raffle will be provided by: George Stauber in September!

Motion by: Peggy Ogaz
Second by: Jim Miller
Meeting Adjourned at: 8:59 p.m.
Motioned Passed: ALL

Respectfully Submitted by: Kay Stauber



INSTALLATION PICNIC

**Saturday, September 11th , 1:00pm, at the home of Teri and Jim Patterson.
Please bring beverages of your choice and chairs.**



WHEN YOU ORDER A GLADIATOR



OFF WISH