

LOW RANGE RAMBLIN'

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A Publication of: Inland Empire 4 Wheelrs



No Meetings or Roundups in Person until Covid-19 restrictions relax. Watch Facebook and IE4W.com for updates and ZOOM meeting information.

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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 meeting is 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.



Did you forget your cash for Merch or Raffle? Visit Karen as we now take Credit Cards.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Mark Ogaz

Greeting everyone,

Here we are, still on lock down. I hope all of you are healthy. We have not been able to have official club runs, but I notice many of you, including myself, have been going out in small groups. I encourage everyone to do what they feel comfortable with. I know I was starting to climb the walls. I can only do so



many projects around the house.

It does look like many areas are going to start loosening up restrictions. Small steps as we keep the curve low. I'm sure there will be many more infections, but our hospitals have not been overwhelmed. As areas open up for fishing and camping, so will the trails. I am ready to do some camping and Jeeping. Maybe we should all meet in Big Bear on Father's Day Weekend and do a run.

We will be holding our May meeting on Zoom once again. I am hopeful we can be together in June. We will have to check with the Elks.

To IE4W Success,

Mark Ogaz

IE4W President

Safety Report

By Jerry Burgess

What are You waiting for...???

Unless you're really fortunate and have a job that's keeping you as busy as you were a couple months ago... you have some spare time on your hands, your rig is sitting in the garage and nothing much is changing. Well, maybe not so. The battery is going dead from keeping the clock going and the tires are slowly losing air from the fine cactus needle holes in the sidewalls. Maybe now would be an excellent time to do those little Rig chores you put off? Safety First.

Change the oil, oil filter, check your light bulbs, air pressures, crawl under the rig and look for broken parts, pinched lines, or

items that can be fixed during this low use time. Grab the wrenches and check the nuts and bolts that are on your suspension and steering. Use a paint pen and strike a line on the nut / bolt and piece to check it for any movement later. Check your diff oil levels, bump stops, and grease the zerk fittings. See if your universal caps have wandered out or are in place. Check them for slop. When you're done with fixing things, grab some rattle cans and hide the rusty road rash on your undersides and sliders.



Lastly, if you get all caught up and for some reason you need to trail check your rig... Take a trusted person with you. I mentioned this on the Zoom meeting, but it's worthy of mentioning for safety again... Should you encounter a rig / person needing assistance, or forbid you need assistance, you'll be at the mercy of Covid-19 if the other person is a carrier and transmits it to you. I see plenty of crazy-stupid inexperienced drivers every day in the foothills with time to burn and getting stuck in a stupid way. So, be prepared, Murphy's Law will put you in the wrong place as you know. Please consider Risk / Reward and be SAFE, keep your distances, wash your Rig.



IE4W Embraces With New Tech To Exist With Covid-19



With a group that can at times be reluctant to change, It was great seeing all your smiling faces on the Zoom meeting in place of our April business meeting. Great job to our board on setting it up. Great job on the membership figuring it out on their end too. Participation was fantastic and generally well received. I suspect we will be conducting at least a couple of more before we can meet eye to eye again without endangering each other. I am sure we are looking forward to that day. In the mean time some tips for Zoom.

- When not talking mute your microphone
- Don't forget to unmute when you respond to someone (Holding the space bar is a temporary disable of the mute.)
- After installing the software on your PC you can launch it without the meeting request and verify your camera, Microphone and sound are working in the settings for a future meeting.
- You can download an application on your smartphone or tablet to use zoom. Just remember that it will use your data plan if you are not connected to wifi.

Trail Guide Training for IE4W



1. Introduction of Training-Loren-3 Min

a. Process

b. You're on Stage

c. Building the Team

i. Ronald Reagan-The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things.

He is the one that gets people to do the greatest things.

2. Roles of Trail Guide Positions-Loren

a. Trail Leader

i. Pre-Run

1. Download GPS Tracks as necessary

2. Confirm the route from the meeting location to the Trail Head

3. Select an air down location

4. Confirm trail is open and that rating has not changed

5. Check the condition of all major obstacles and by-passes

6. Locate 3-5 possible 10-100 spots

7. Locate 1-2 possible lunch spots

8. Plan talks on geology, history, and stories

9. Identify 1-3 possible "early outs" for vehicles

10. Confirm the total trail length and time. Multiply prerun time by 1.5 is a good estimate

11. Select an air up location

12. Confirm the route home from airup

ii. Selecting trails, guides, tire pressure recommendations (announce on radio at airdown), Decisions

iii. Driver's Meetings- Bill

1. Introduction of Trail Guides, Spouses, and any Sponsors
 2. Radio Channel
 3. Straps and winch controls within reach of driver
 4. No alcohol by anyone in rig
 5. Always wear seat belts
 6. Discuss that keeping up is an important safety issue, as well as ensuring vehicle behind you makes turns
 7. Let Trail Leader know if group becomes separated
 8. Fire danger
 9. 10-100-Right, Left, How often and how long.
 10. Trash
 11. One Spotter at obstacle. Spotting is available anytime requested
 12. Snakes
 13. Novice Group Training
 - a. Throttle Control
 - b. Tires on Rocks
 - c. Keep Hood Flat
 - d. No Tire Spin
 - e. Using brakes to engage Limited Slip Differentials
 - f. Matching inexperienced with experienced
 - g. Recognize MT Drivers
 - h. Ensure they have tow points, straps, winch controllers
- iv. Trail Leader Duties-Jerry
1. Call out all turns at intersections
 2. Expect confirmation of all instructions by your Tail Gunner
 3. Spot anyone that needs it
 4. When encountering oncoming traffic, work out passing plan and communicate to group. Advise oncoming traffic how many rigs in group
 5. In the event of breakdown or recovery, take charge
 6. If a breakdown cannot be repaired, discuss options with driver and tail gunner. Try to finish the rest of the trail with the group
 7. Schedule your 10-100s and lunches.
 8. At air up, make sure everyone is ready to hit the road
- b. Tail Gunner Duties-Kevin

- i. Download GPS Tracks. You must know how to exit trail
- ii. Let Trail Leader know when vehicles are moving
- iii. Repeat all major instructions from Trail Leader-“Copy, Turn right at the intersection”
- iv. Reports to trail leader when he passes major turn or intersection
- v. Closes any gates opened by trail leader
- vi. Assists in spotting
- vii. Take charge of all trail repairs. If necessary, accompany the disabled vehicle back to civilization
- viii. Reports to Trail Leader if group is being overtaken by faster moving traffic
- ix. Reports to Trail Leader when oncoming Traffic has cleared the group
- x. Lets the driver of oncoming traffic know he’s the last one in group
- xi. Deciding how Mid and Tails will function
 - 1. At obstacles
 - a. Trail Leader will stop person behind them, then pull far enough forward to accommodate the entire group after the obstacle
 - b. Mid Gunner will normally stay in vehicle to pull all the way forward, then come back to relieve Trail Leader from spotting
 - c. Tail Gunner will come forward to spot when there’s 4-5 vehicles between him and obstacle.
 - d. 3 Tries Rule
 - e. All subject to Trail Leader’s instructions
- 2. Tail Gunner is normally the cleanup person, they will take anybody out with a breakdown-you need to know how to get out!
- xii. Uniforms help identify trail guide staff
- xiii. Bringing the Team together and keeping the show going
- xiv. Role of Stories/Banter
- c. Spotting-Loren
 - i. When to spot
 - 1. Mostly at obstacles to keep everyone safe or to keep flow moving
 - ii. Assess the obstacle and make a plan to get everyone over it. Are there options?
Communicate primary line to group, advise if there are options and to let spotter know if they want an alternate line
 - iii. Assign someone to watch rear or sides of vehicle, they communicate only with spotter, not driver

- iv. Communicate with driver to determine if they want to be spotted, or if they want an alternate route
- v. Clear, Confident Verbal and Visual Signals
- vi. Driver, Passenger, Forward, Back, Slow Commands
- vii. Turn commands before Forward or Reverse
- viii. Tell Drivers where to stop after clearing obstacle in case you need help with next vehicle
- ix. If vehicle becomes stuck, determine best strategy, stacking rocks, strapping, winching, bump, or bypass. Make sure you take charge, one Winch boss, and clear spectators from path
- 1. Strapping is easiest and simplest way to get one out
 - a. Don't use metal hooks on straps
 - b. Can either do static pull or snap, try static first
 - c. It is important that stuck vehicle drive through the obstacle when being strapped. Don't be dead weight.
 - d. Winch Boss will let both drivers know when to start moving.
 - e. When unstuck, stop and remove straps from both vehicles
- 2. Winching
 - a. Use heavy leather gloves. Secure loose clothing
 - b. Use a suitable anchor point. If using another vehicle, it should be in gear with brakes applied. Use tree snaps as necessary.
 - c. If winching a tree or boulder off trail, think about how it will move when it breaks loose. Be especially careful about the cable breaking loose when you start to winch.
 - d. Open part of winch hook should always face up
 - e. Sometimes it's better to have a third person operate the winch controller
 - f. Make sure winch cable is engaged
 - g. Apply a damper on rope, especially on wire ropes
 - h. Winch Boss visually clears area and yells Clear before engaging Winch
 - i. Driver uses Accelerator more than the winch
 - j. Rewind winch after use and inspect cable for damage
 - x. The Driver is ultimately responsible for getting their vehicle safely through the trail
- 3. Vehicle Recovery Checklist-Loren to lead, all to participate with personal stories. In the event of a vehicle rollover, the safety of the occupants is paramount. Once their safety is secured, step back and plan the recovery effort
 - a. Trail Leader must designate one person to be In Charge
 - b. Turn off the engine

- c. Secure vehicle
- d. Check occupants for injury
- e. Do not cut/release seat belts until occupants are secured
- f. Set parking brake, transfer case should be engaged, and vehicle in park
- g. Check for leaking fluids, broken glass, or sharp metal
- h. Ensure ready access to first aid kit and fire extinguisher
- i. Stop, take a breath, and plan the recovery
- j. Communicate recovery plan with all participants
- k. Secure the scene
 - i. Secure at least 2 straps/lines to the vehicle
 - ii. The person in charge should be directing all vehicles
 - iii. If necessary, secure with additional vehicles/straps
 - l. If returning to recover a vehicle, bring a tow bar which can be used to tow the vehicle
- m. Do not stand on vehicle during recovery
- n. Do not start the vehicle until the engine block is cleared of any fluids that may have entered the cylinders

4. Safety - Jerry

- a. Safety takes priority over fun
- b. Watching onlookers just as important as spotting the rig
- c. Strapping and Winching-Someone must take charge
- d. First Aid and Breakdowns
- e. Exit Plans

5. Extra Credit-How to survive a rollover-Jerry

- a. Driver and Passenger
 - i. Advance Prep
 - 1. Everyone should always wear seat belts-make sure this is part of your driver meeting
 - 2. Secure loose items with strap or Webbing
 - ii. During the Roll
 - 1. Hug yourself, driver and passengers. Let go of wheel. Don't grab roll bar or handles
 - 2. Don't try to jump out!
 - 3. Close your eyes and mouth
 - 4. Crouch down as low as you can in seat
 - iii. After the Roll

1. Assess situation, stay calm
2. Wait for others to help unless vehicle is unsafe
3. Hanging upside down is uncomfortable, but restraint is best way to prevent injury until help arrives

iv. Medical

1. Be aware of unusual sensations, numbness, headaches, or uncontrolled bleeding.

Tell someone immediately, don't wait to see if it gets better

2. Shock can occur up to 24 hours after event. Make sure someone stays with victims and monitors their condition. Be aware of unusual or erratic behavior, slurred speech, rapid pulse, erratic breathing, skin color change, headache complaints. If reported, get them checked out

b. Other Jeeps

- i. Following Jeeps immediately stop and announce on CB the accident and where it is. If you have first aid training, you should immediately afterwards announce that on radio and proceed to accident

6. Wrapup-Loren

- a. We do this because it's fun...keep that in mind.
- b. You're on stage, you're expected to be the best.
- c. Good players win games, it takes teams to win a championship.
- d. Now we get to practice

Trail Practice-Holcomb Creek

Depending on size of group, one will start in East, one in West.

1. East Main Rock Gardenobstacle

- a. 2 Spotters, 2 Trainer
- b. Switch after 1 vehicle through obstacle

2. Middle Rock Garden

- a. Spotter positions
 - i. Approach to Rock Section and first climb-1 Spotter
 - ii. After Climb-1 Spotter
 - iii. Rotate one position after each vehicle passes

3. West Rock Garden Entry

- a. Entry obstacle
- b. After Entry obstacle
- c. Rotate after each vehicle goes through

4. Winching/Strapping exercise-McDonald Rock

May 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Chaun Goldberg Jim & Teri Patterson	2
3	4	5	6	7 John Miadonado	8	9
10 Mothers Day	11	12 Kevin Rice	13 Roxann Stock- berger	14	15	16 Tom Thompson
17	18	19	20 Rachel Bem	21	22	23 Darryl Jordan
24	25 Memorial Day		27	28	29	30
31 Randy & Roxann Stockberger						

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

Upcoming Events

May 23 White Mountain Jim Miller (May be on 24th check with Jim)

June 20th San Bernardino Whole Run open to the World

July 16-19 Taboose Creek / Mammoth Mark Ogaz

August Club Run Dishpan/Holcomb Kevin Rice



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Teri Patterson

Randy & Roxann Stockberger

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Bob Berg '17

Bobby Holley '16

Tim & Heidi Kemp '03

Terry & Bonnie McNeill '01

Bob & Karen Peterson '01

Larry Peterson '05

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.



The IE4W Roundup is held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. 6:00—9:00pm

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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.

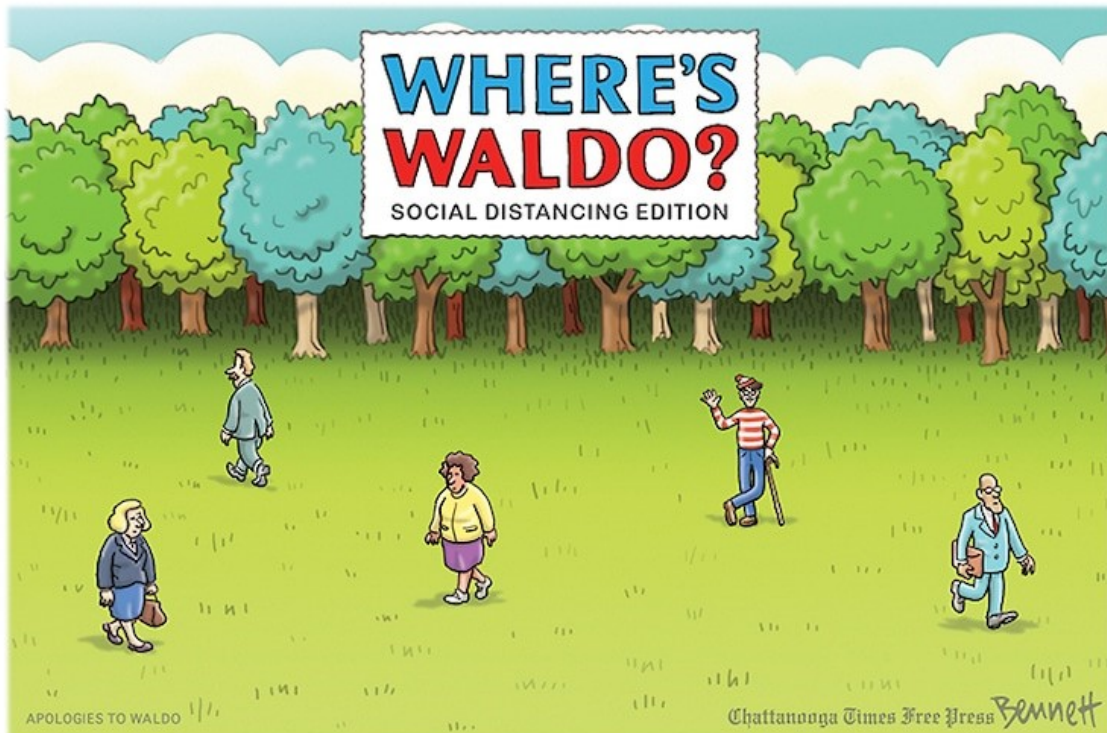
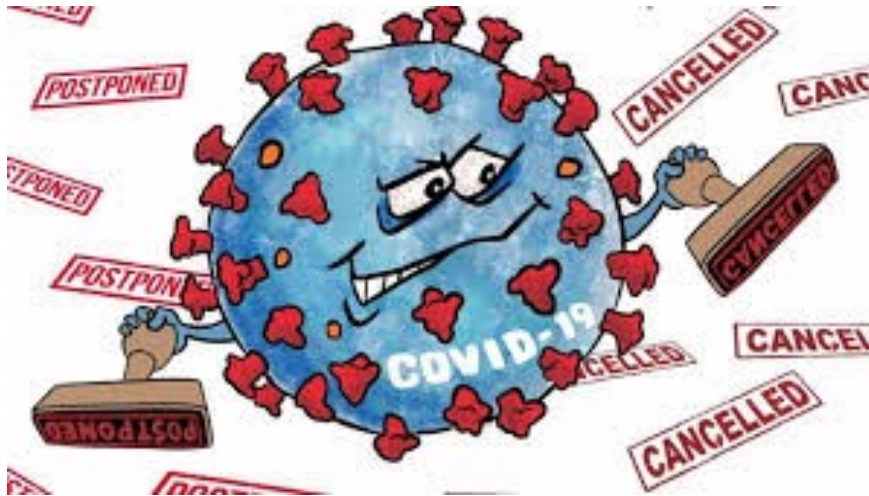
The followings are the requirements set forth by the IE4W bylaws for membership requirement: Each prospective member must be 18 years or older, hold a valid driver's license, be the registered owner of a 4x4 vehicle, have the minimum CA insurance coverage, have their vehicle safety inspected, and attend 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

"Social Distancing"

Trip Reports



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IE4W Minutes April 2nd - Zoom

Pledge of Allegiance led by:

Introduction of Guest: No Guest

Welcome:

Secretary's Report: Kay Stauber – ✓ Anything on minutes : (None)

Motion by: Teri Patterson

Second by: Peggy Ogaz to accept Minutes as Published.

Motioned Passed: ALL



MEETING MINUTES

Both Rosters will be passed around after the break! George & I put all that were in the Zoom Meeting on April 2nd on the Roster, so please know you did get credit for attending! Thank you!

Fun Fact: 1977 Fleetwood Mac's "Rumours" Album goes #1 & stays #1 for 21 weeks. Also, it was "National Peanut Butter & Jelly Day" & "National Burrito Day!"

📌 Trail leaders fill out report & put on Forum PLEASE!

Treasurer's Report: Karen Henry – started the month with \$51,426.52 Karen also had some bills to pay as well.....

Motioned by: Loren Campbell

Second by: Peggy Ogaz

Approved by: ALL

Vice President & Land & Use Report: Robin Reed – CORVA – All stuff & meeting are done by via phone or video, staying within the Guidelines.....

Committee Chair Reports::

Merchandise: Kevin Strong – No Report – Everything still the same.

Newsletter: Todd Vargason – **Please post to Webpage & Forum, so I can have the information for the "Newsletter!" Thank you!**

Membership: - Joe Martinez – Hello to all & please practice "**Social Distancing**" & check on other people when you can.....

*****Scott Atwood** - will be taking over "**Membership**" as soon as we are all able to meet up again! "Thank You Scott for stepping up and doing this!"

Hospitality: Jennifer Atwood – Still trying to get onto the Calendar information for Birthdays, Anniversaries & Club Anniversaries...

Forest Fest: Cindy Coffin - **Was postponed until next year because of the Coronavirus & next year will be better and ALL are looking forward to it.....**

Round Up: - Bob Peterson – Did not meet because of the Coronavirus....

Adopt A Trail: Ken Ehlers –

Historian: Peggy Ogaz – No Report

Website: Teri Patterson – No Report

Scholarship: Tim Kemp – Have not had applications & everything is still up and going.....

Safety: Jerry Burgess – In Newsletter & Forum! However, Jerry did mention that there are people out there on the trails not going by the Guidelines for for ALL to please be safe!

Donations to other Organizations: Chaun Goldberg – Still working on monies from last year per Mark Ogaz....

Break: Drinks for – Everyone had their own drinks from home & we did not take a break!

See Cindy Ehlers for **Raffle Tickets 50/50 - None**

Report on Past Runs:

February 22nd – 23rd – Calico – Bob Peterson – It was a great time! Bob, Please put your trip report on the Forum so people are able to get credit for your run..... “Thank You!”

March 13th, 14th & 15th – Borrego Springs – Randy Stockburger – Run was Epic!

March – Historical/Rose Mine – Jerry Burgess – In Newsletter & on Forum

Future Runs: **Loren Campbell – ALL future runs up until at least May 23rd, have been cancelled because of the Coronavirus.**

May 23rd– Jim Miller TBA

July 16th – 19th, 2020 – Taboose Creek – Mark Ogaz

August – Kevin Rice – Dishpan/Holcomb Creek

November 23rd – 28th – Parker, AZ

Future Events:

Old Business:

*****Elks Lodge– Chairperson – Chaun & Dani Goldberg – Closed UNTIL further notice!**

New Business: **Chaun Goldberg** – Mentioned that all Artwork had been done already for the BBFF T-Shirts, etc and feels that the Art Co should be paid something for their time as they are out of work now.

Motion by: Teri Patterson to give the Co \$150.00

Second by: Peggy Ogaz

Motioned passed by: ALL

Sheriff's Report: **Bill Henry** – *Bill decided to pass on ALL Fines this meeting..... Thank you Bill!*

*****Per our President “Mark Ogaz” – We will probably be doing the next (2) Meetings on Zoom*** unless you hear otherwise from Mark!**

Raffle Prizes: - ()

Motion by: Bob Peterson

Second by: Robin Reed

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:20 p.m.

Motioned Passed: ALL

*****Friendly Note: All Members have been updated on the Calendar for Birthdays', Anniversaries' & Club Anniversaries*** by: Karen Henry, Kay Stauber & Todd Varag-son**

From our house to yours: Please all, stay well & safe!

Respectfully Submitted by: - Kay Stauber
IE4W Secretary



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