

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!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Passing It On

Hello,

My name is Robin Kimball and I'm writing this email to tell you how APPRECIATIVE and grateful I am for Inland Empire 4 Wheelers and one of your members, Ron Fleming of Riverside.

I was recently visiting the Big Bear wilderness with an old high school friend, Anna Barron. We currently are busy stay-at-home moms living in San Diego County and our hobby is to backpack for a few days over the summer to stay connected with each other and nature. On day 4 of our hike my friend busted her ankle and there was no way we were going to be able to continue on the Pacific Crest Trail as planned. We decided to leave the trail and hike (limp) out via an OHV road in order to get to civilization and a doctor.

After nine miles in the heat - an angel in a forest green ie4w T-shirt driving a Rubicon appeared. He assessed our situation and we decided it would be best if we hitched a ride back off the mountain with him. We were beyond grateful for Ron's rescue mission! He safely got us to Fawnskin and put his off-roading and picnicking with his brother and nephew plan aside. He also taught us so much about off-roading along the way (this was my first time doing it)! He was calm, safe, prepared, and responsible.

Thank you, Ron, for rescuing us! We are so grateful and wish you years of joy out on the backcountry roads!

With gratitude,
Robin and Anna



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

Surfer Joes' Pizza
2351 W Lugonia Ave
Redlands, CA 92374

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:

August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Tammy Clay	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Jackie Sorcic	21	22 Dick Gervais Ron Burris	23	24 Rick & Tammy Clay Sue Martel
25 Jim Miller Steve & Amber Soliz	26 Terry & Bonnie McNeill	27	28	29 Joe & Mary Muhs	30 Karen Peterson	31

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

July -13 Clarks Grade Night Run Robin Reed -
 July 27 - All 4 Fun - Loren Campbell - Colorado
 August 17 White Mountain-Cindy Coffin
 Sept 6 - 11 - Dusy Ershim - Loren Campbell
 Sept 20-22 - Randy's Overnighter
 Oct 3-7 Death Valley Adventure Randy Stockberger

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Rick & Tammy Clay
 Terry & Bonnie McNeill
 Steve & Amber Soliz
 Joe & Mary Muhs

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Russ & Karen Deer '12
 Bill & Karen Henry '07
 Nancy Kenny '09
 Steve & Judi Santa '16
 George & Kay Stauber '13
 Kevin Strong '14
 Tom and Sherie Thompson '07

Safety Report

By Jerry Burgess

A Quick Jeep Adventure

Last week, the following article was published in the Big Bear Grizzly. The summary was that “Shelly Campa was reported missing July 23 after she failed to return from off roading. She was located July 24 unharmed. The photo is courtesy of the Big Bear Sheriff’s Dept. Facebook.”

“Campa was reported missing on July 23. Her husband called to report her missing after she didn't return from an off-roading adventure near God's Eye in the Baldwin Lake area. According to the Big Bear Sheriff's Station, Campa sent her husband a text message around 1 p.m. letting him know she was going off-roading. God's Eye is on Forest Road 2N02 and the area is treacherous, authorities said.”

“She was reported missing at 6:45 p.m. Deputies from the Big Bear Sheriff's station searched the off-road trails extensively for her new turquoise Jeep Wrangler but were unable to find Campa. Searching continued through the night. Attempts to reach Campa by phone went straight to voicemail.”

“Search efforts resumed in the early morning of July 24 with assistance from the Sheriff's Department Aviation Division and Bear Valley Search and Rescue ground crews.”

“At approximately 2:45 p.m., Sheriff's Aviation located Campa's Jeep at Horse Thief Flats. She was found nearby within a few minutes. Campa was airlifted from the scene for medical assessment and to be reunited with her family at the Big Bear Airport.”

“Authorities said Campa is reported to be dehydrated but otherwise uninjured.”

As we have this trail in our Adopt a Trail, Horse Thief Flats is very familiar to us. I know we have stressed the importance of letting someone know exactly where you are going, traveling with another vehicle, communications, supplies, and being prepared for the type of trail ahead. We never know who we might find on our runs, their condition and needs, and maybe rendering assistance as needed. Please continue to be diligent in your preparations for even a single day adventure.



Board of Directors

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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.





NO REPORT RUNS

AS MUCH AS WE APPRECIATE OUR RUN LEADERS, FORTHCOMING NEWSLETTERS MAY INCLUDE SOME RIDICULE OF **"THE NON POSTERS"**

Yankee Boy Basin and Imogene Pass 7-23-2019 Loren "Rubbing It In" Campbell



Trip Reports

Dishpan and Holcomb Creek

7-5-2019 Ron Fleming

Trail leader: Ron Fleming LJ
Tail Gunner: Todd Vargason LJ
Jeff Riley JL

Guests:
Kevin and Felicia Marcus JK
Richard and Annette Mordoff JL
Susie Gonzalez which rode shotgun with me



We all met at McDonald's parking lot at Arrowhead Village where we waited until 9 am to leave for Dishpan. With only a group of 5 Jeeps we air down once we got off the pavement and had a brief driver's meeting before starting Dishpan trail. At the first obstacle Richard and I decided to take the easy route to the left. Where Jeff, Kevin, and Todd took the face straight up. Jeff and Kevin with the long wheelbase made quick work of it. Todd not so much with the shorter wheelbase.

Todd just needed a little extra pull. Next was the waterfall on Dishpan. Once again Richard and I took the easy route by the tree. Jeff, Kevin, and Todd took the rougher route. Jeff and Kevin had no problems. Todd fell off the line (he says spotter fault) and turtled. A little pull from behind and Todd was free and took the tree route. Richard and I did receive some right rear body damage at the same area on the waterfall. (easy spot between the rocks)



After a lunch break at Tent Peg Group Campground we were off to Holcomb Creek, at the rock garden gate keeper we came across a Jeep that was struggling with the garden. Once he cleared the garden they moved over and we passed and had no problems with the garden or any other part of Holcomb Creek. We all air up our tires at Fawn-skin fire station and said our good byes. Very enjoyable day.



Clarks Grade

7-13-2019 Robin Reed

Trip Reports



We met at Saucy Mama's Pizzeria at about 6:00pm. Russell and I reserved a couple of tables and 14 of us were seated and placed orders. Craig showed up and informed us that he had passed Bill with 5 more Jeeps in Running Springs. When Bill showed up he decided to have his group

get something to eat nearby and meet to air down at 7:30.

All 15 Rigs lined up in front of Big Bear Elementary School all aired down.

We left and turned left on 2N08 (Forest Ranger Road) heading up the trail where Vargy took a couple of pictures of the sunset overlooking Big Bear Lake.



As we headed across 2N17 & 2N10 we saw lots of firewood cut and stacked.

At 1N54 Clarks Grade I waited for everyone to catch up before heading down.

We traveled down the switchbacks and stopped at 1N64 for everyone to catch up. Jeff thought someone was coming up but it was just my headlights on the switchbacks. We then continued down 1N54 to 1N09 where we stopped and took a Little Debbie break.



Traveling west on 1N09 it was very dusty and smooth where we spread out until we got to 1N64. Turned right on 1N64 and then left on 1N64a thru the Brush down to Slide Lake.

Here are a couple of pictures taken during the day at Slide Lake.

We headed back up to 1N09 where we continued west to Keller Cliffs. I added a couple of pictures taken during the day so that you can see them better.

Continuing west on 1N09 we passed Keller Creek before turning left for our last leg down 1N16 (Alder Creek) to Greenspot Road. All 15 Rigs made the long trip without incident to our destination at 1:23AM on the 14th. I did hear a suggestion that it would be nice to have a chiropractor waiting at the bottom of the hill. Hopefully it won't take much rubbing to clean up the scratches from the brush overgrowth.

Thank you Jeff for being Tail Gunner and Bill for being Mid Gunner.

Thanks All

Robin Reed

Robin Reed, Todd Vargason, George Stauber, Russ Deere, Craig Willcutt, Bo Wetzel and Tyler Wetzel, Darryl Jordan and Mallory Jordan, Alex Rodriguez and Misty Rodriguez, Scott Atwood and Mackensi Atwood, William Henry, and Conner, and Jake, Ken Bisson, Jeff Riley, and Joe & Jill Softag, Norm Havens, Michael Partimmo, and Perla Partimmo, Steve Strunk, and Pam Strunk



July 2019

Pledge of Allegiance led by George Stauber

Introduction of Guests - Bo Wetzel, Chris Petrotta



MEETING MINUTES

Secretary's Report - Cindy Coffin - Robin Reed motioned that minutes be approved as published. Todd Vargason seconded. Motion passed

Treasurers Report - Dani Goldberg - started month with \$77,217.48 cash on hand. Membership invoices are here and ready to be picked up. Mark Ogaz motioned to pay bills. Karen Henry seconded. Motion passed.

Vice President and Land Use Report - Loren Campbell - reported on status of Pismo Beach possibly being closed to off-roading. Also 7 BLM areas in California are restricted due to fire danger until November 1, 2019.

Committee Chair Reports

Merchandise Report - Kevin Strong - hats are here and for sale.

Newsletter - Todd Vargason - would like run reports and photos to be submitted to him to be included in the newsletter.

Membership - Joe Martinez - Bill Bem will be handling membership while Joe is on vacation.

Hospitality - Kay Stauber - reported that John Dunlap is doing well.

BBFF - Tim Kemp and Joe Martinez - Tim thanked everyone for a very successful BBFF. He then handed out "gifts" to numerous members for their extra special help during BBFF. Joe reported that dinner was served to all of our guests in 15 minutes. Also BBFF sweatshirts for sale and there are extra dash plaques if anyone wants one.

Round-up - Darryl and Mallory Jordon - will be held at Surfer Joes in Redlands and will post the details on the forum.

Adopt a Trail - Ken Ehlers - Forest Service has now posted procedures and contact numbers for adopt a trail program. Will be having an adopt a trail run on August 27. Details will be posted to the forum.

Historian - Karen Henry - no report

Scholarship - Tim Kemp - no report

Safety - Jerry Burgess - Teri and Bill have first aid kits. Safety Report on tire expiration also in Newsletter.

Break - Drinks for August to be provided by Rick Clay

Report on Past Runs

Robin Reed - reported on Clark's Grade pre run

Mark Ogaz - reported on Taboose Creek Memorial Day Run. Next year will possibly be in July.

Future Runs - Randy Stockberger - not present

July 5 - Dishpan and Holcomb - Ron Fleming

July 13 - Robin Reed - night run to Clark's Grade. Meet at Denny's

Aug 17 - Cindy Coffin - White Mountain - details to be posted on the forum

Sept 6-11 - Loren Campbell - Dusey Ershim - run is full. Wait list available.

Sept 20-22 - Randy's Overnighter - Hanna Flats

October - tbd

Future Events

Installation Picnic - September 28 at Teri and Jim Patterson's humble abode at 2:00 pm. Club will provide main food. Please bring a chair and your own drinks.

Old Business- none

New Business - discussion on board positions will take place next month. Karen Henry also discussed the possibility of having a 50/50 raffle instead of our regular raffle prizes.

Sheriff's Report - Bill Henry - gave our various fines for infractions and BBFF.

Raffle Prizes provided by Robin Reed. August will be provided by Jeff Riley

Motion by Mark Ogaz and seconded by George Stauber to adjourn meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Coffin. le4w Secretary



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