

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

By Teri Patterson

Wow, have we had some weather this past month.

We've had some nice runs go out this past month from playing in the snow one weekend to exploring the desert in Johnson Valley on another.

Forest Fest registration is open, members Please register asap.
The FF Committees have been working hard at getting everything started and they count on everyone's help.

"If you find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere".

Teri Patterson



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. 6:00—9:00pm

Surfer Joes' Pizza

251 E. Redlands Blvd.

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

March 2019 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
					Bob Peterson	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Jerry Burgess	Dani Goldberg			Rick Clay	Sue Sloan	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Daylight Saving Time 		Sherie Thompson 6pm - Round Up @ Surfer				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
St. Patrick's Day 			Ron Lynn	Boue & Amy Roller	John Harding Lake Morena Bill Henry	Lake Morena Bill Henry
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Evan Owen Lake Morena Bill Henry Tim & Heidi Kemp			Justin Holley		Karen Deer	Adopt A Trail 3N34D Chalyn Strong Russ Deer
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Larry McRae						

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Motino Wash-Gold Mt 3/16 Bob Berg
 Lake Morena 3-22 to 3-24—Bill & Karen Henry
 Adopt A Trail 3N34D 3-30—Ken Ehlers
 March 2019—Mark Ogaz Poker Run
 April - Chaun Goldberg - Saint George.
 May - Memorial Day Weekend -
 Taboose Creek Mark Ogaz

June - 13-16 - Fathers Day Weekend - BBFF

July - Robin Reed - TBD



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Boue & Amy Roller
 Tim & Heidi Kemp

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Rachel Bem '13
 John & Audrey Harding '08
 Bryan & Brenda Harris '15
 Carl Llamon & Kathy Smith '04
 Jim Miller '09
 Jim & Teri Patterson '03
 Robin Reed '18
 Randy & Roxann Stockberger '98
 Todd Vargason '15

Safety Report

By Jerry Burgess

Secret Spring Waters?



This article contains one of my thoughts about seasonal conditions. I am not able to attend the meeting to present my thought, so I'll share it in the safety article. I was mountain biking in my local foothills riding the dirt / rock roads when I ran across a 4x4 stuck up to his frame rails in mud (photo). This was the 2nd stuck spot, the first was uphill where the same situation was experienced. This trail is normally hard and has no problems. HOWEVER, due to the recent rains, the rocky mountain above the 4x4 was saturated with rain and springs were abundant as the water moved downhill from within the mountain hundreds of feet above them. At some point

the water hit the surface drainage area and passed under and through the trail creating a pocket of standing water just below the surface trail.

The 4x4 provided enough weight to break through what appeared to be a solid trail. The result was they sank into the accumulated run-off dirt that had collected from the past. Today, the springs were feeding the pocket of dirt with lots of water from uphill. The condition created was like a hillside quicksand situation. The more they churned the tires, the more the soil was disrupted and the high water content was easily replenished from above. They turned this into a major recovery effort.

This brought back memories of my friend Brad back in the 80's. We were in his F-250 off-roading locally and went down a gentle hillside to the flats. The 4x4 followed the hill slope into the flat ground. But, I mean "into" the flat ground following the hill's slope angle. The ground buckled, wrinkled and buried the front axle so the front bumper was at ground level in soft wet saturated dirt. All this was very quick and without any warning. The more we tried to back out, the deeper we sank and the more we pulled up water. We eventually found another 4x4 in the area to pull us out the following day.

The nice part about the spring waters is that they eventually drain, and the roads become stable and hard again. I mention this because we are used to traveling on firm roads during the summer when we don't have water issues. Because of the rain or snow in the high mountains, melting snow and water will accumulate and work its way to the lowest areas, come to the surface, or evaporate. I would caution you to watch the condition of the smooth dirt areas crossing roads, especially where abundant green growth is growing, signaling a water source. The first 4x4 may get across, but the mid to tail might have an issue with the disturbance of ground and bringing the water to a quicksand situation. I only mention this because of our weather patterns recently. Be careful, Have Fun.

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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"**

February Lake Morena Run Rescheduled in March due to trail closures.



Trip Reports

Search for Snow Run Report February 16,
2019

Onyx Peak and Motino Wash

Loren Campbell

Run Leader: Loren Campbell

Tail Gunner: George and Kay Stauber

Members: Tim Kemp, Bo Parham, Robin Reed, Derek and Bridget Rist

Guests: Mike Ewing, Jack O'Brien

After our huge storms, we went on a search for snow, preferably deep snow. With Highway 18 closed from for a few days, and Highway 38 just reopening, we decided to meet in Yucca Valley at C&S Coffee Shop for breakfast and head up to Onyx via Pioneertown.

It was a beautiful sunny day but with a brisk wind, we left the parking lot at 8:45 and headed up through Pioneertown and aired down when we hit the dirt on Burns Canyon. Burns Canyon seemed to be smoothed out from the rains, we saw numerous signs of the flooded crossings but only a little running water was crossing the trail in a few places. We turned on 2N61Y by the Smelter and made great time getting to the Outhouse. Just past the Pontiac, we started going through a bit of snow, but no signs of the deep snow we were looking for.

A little past the Pontiac, I saw a neon green tow strap around a rock on the right side of the trail. It looked brand new and it was flashy, so I stopped to pick it up. It was wedged under a boulder that someone had been using as an anchor point. We were a little puzzled as to why they would need to winch from that location, as the trail was not very steep and there were no signs a vehicle went off the trail. As we were hooking it up, Derek's feet went flying on slick ice and he did a butt plant on the ground. His pride was injured a little more than he was, he got up and finished hooking up the strap to tug from. As he was walking away, he went flying again and did an even harder plant on the ground, this time I don't think it was his pride that hurt. Once again he got up, dusted himself off, and stood clear of the strap. After a couple tugs with my Jeep, we freed up the strap. I gave Derek the strap since he had paid a high price for getting it loose.

At the split, we took the right, and really started paying attention to the ice, I was concerned about coming back down the off camber shelf road on the loop. We began spacing out the distance between our Jeeps because of the slick ice under the crusting of snow, and finally I got to a long sheet of ice that went on for at least 100 yards ahead of me. It was difficult to get out of my Jeep where I stopped the ice was so slick. I made

the decision that it was time to turn around. Unfortunately, backing down the icy slope was not something I was looking forward to, so Jack and I found a wider spot in the trail and began turning my Jeep by very short turns, it probably took 12-14 turns, but patience won the day and we finished the 180 with neither of us busting our butts. Everyone below us had already turned around and we all met back at the Pontiac. When we got back to 2N61Y, we took a left and shortly after took a side trail that led to a deep mine I had found on a previous trip. <continued>



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It was a great place for lunch and a chat about how people wanted to head back. I got a report on the Ham Repeater that traffic on the 38 had been a virtual parking lot all day since that was the only road down the South side of the mountain open. We discussed our exit options; heading up to Baldwin Lake and coming down the 18 to Landers, going back the way we came and going out Pioneertown, or down Rattlesnake Canyon to the 247. Even Mottino was discussed, but we decided that it was a little late to start Mottino. We

decided on Rattlesnake, Tim was going to head out Pioneertown due to a small power steering leak he was having. We made quick time down 2N01 back to the Rattlesnake turnoff, where we helped a stranded woman in a pickup whose battery had gone dead. Man, those little battery jump starters are a tool that everyone should have in their rig. After the rescue, Tim peeled off and we made the Left down Rattlesnake.

A little ways down we came to a fork, and I guess I heard my inner brain whispering "...Mottino..." and I made the right instead of a left. After a couple miles, Robin sang out over the radio that it looked like the trail coming out of Mottino and I realized my mistake. While I was thinking about another Howdy, everyone started chanting "Mottino, Mottino" and the decision was made to head down it at 2:00. We booked down Mottino until we got to the big obstacles starting about ½ mile from the Rattlesnake entrance, when we had to start doing some spotting. Jack got a rolling boulder hung up under his Jeep and heard a crackling sound. He looked his Jeep to find a pile of black grounds; the rock had smashed his evap canister. We soon got him freed up and got everybody through the many obstacles pretty quickly, but many of them required spotting.

We made it back to Rattlesnake at 5:00 and made the right turn towards the 247. Rattlesnake was a little rougher than I remembered, but we still made good time down the Canyon. I knew Joe would be getting concerned because we hadn't called, so I began trying to get somebody on the Ham repeater to do a phone relay, but nobody in Big Bear was answering, I guess everyone was at dinner. After a few attempts, Teri Patterson's reassuring voice came over the repeater and I was able to talk to her to let her know we were ok. Joe had been talking to her and was getting worried. These Hams are even better tools when you learn to use the repeaters, Teri was talking to us from the Home Depot in Redlands on her Baofeng handheld and we were out in Lucerne Valley. She promised to call Joe and call off the search parties...

We made it back to the Highway just as it was getting dark, aired up and headed home, some heading west and some heading east according to where we lived. It was a long day, but a great one. Both the spirit and the expertise of the Club were shining bright!

Loren Campbell
Proud IE4W Member



Trip Reports

Exploring Johnson Valley

2-22-2019

Derek Rist

Trail leader-Derek Rist

Tail Gunner- Russ Deer

Members- Daryl and Mallory Jordan

Guest-Mike Ewing and Dean Rist

It had been a while since I have been to Johnson Valley and never seemed to make it to KOH. So, I thought it would be fun to go up and see if there was any remnants of the race.

At 09:00, we met at Jack in the Box on Bear Valley rd. Russ was the only one there because Daryl and Mallory were meeting us on the lake bed. Off



we went for the last leg of the commute. We found Daryl and Mallory and we all aired down. We thought we would find definite evidence of the race, but not so much. On top of a medium sized hill we found a platform that we think was for a camera. After that, we decided to go check out the Back Door. Wow! What a hole we found.

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Exploring Johnson Valley

2-22-2019

Derek Rist

Trip Reports



After killing an hour, we needed more to do. So we went to check out Claw Hammer. It was tough and we only made it a little ways in. We turned around and went back down to the wash for lunch. After lunch, we decided to try Lower Big Johnson, which turned out to be a lot of fun. Challenging, but still passable, that is when Mallory started to have her fun. She went for the big obstacle and found herself stuck between a rock and a hard place! She tried and tried, but then SNAP!!! There went the rear drive shaft. We strapped her to Russ and pulled her back off the rocks and Daryl quickly unbolted the rear drive shaft. Mallory managed to (in front

wheel drive) turn and navigate the rocks while being liberal with the throttle. She exited the rocks to a smooth part of the trail. She wasn't out of the woods yet, she still had to make it up a sandy hill to the end of the trail. We then strapped her to Mike and pulled her up and over. It was downhill from there all the way back to the trailer.

After loading up and airing up, we all went to dinner in Yucca Valley at Mallory's favorite restaurant, Las Palmas, The whole day was a lot of fun and everyone made it home safely. <Continued>



Trip Reports

Exploring Johnson Valley

2-22-2019

Derek Rist





MEETING MINUTES

le4w Minutes
February 2019

Pledge of Allegiance led by Akira (our visiting Girl Scout)

Introduction of Guests - Naomi Muha and Chris Petrotta, Bo Wetzel, Mike Ewing, Jeff Riley, Scott and Jennifer Atwood, Randy Smith

Secretary's Report - Cindy Coffin - Motioned by Robin Reed and seconded by George Stauber to accept minutes as published — motion passed - Super D was a No.

Treasurers Report - Dani Goldberg - Started the month with \$63,490.19. Bills submitted for BBFF and newsletter. Doug Russell moved to pay bills, Robin Reed seconded and motion passed. Again Super D was a no.

Vice President and Land Use Report - Loren Campbell - Carnegie OHV is partially closed. There are lawsuits pending regarding that issue and CORVA is also involved.

Committee Chair Reports

Merchandise - Kevin Strong - old BBFF merchandise is on sale for \$5.00. Karen Henry reported on le4W blankets. Stated they would cost \$26.50 for blankets and total for blankets and shipping would be \$33.00. Cost to members would be \$35.00. She will order 12 blankets.

Newsletter - Todd Vargason - not present

Membership - Joe Martinez - has packets for potential new members

Hospitality - Kay Stauber - quiet this month

Forest Fest - Tim Kemp - had a 2nd meeting for committee chairs - everything is well organized. Loren - Trail coordinator - Trails have been selected. There have been 3 trails added. Also there will be no Friday afternoon runs so participants can enjoy the vendor show. There will be Friday night runs. Clarks Grade was added for Saturday. Will also have spotters on Dishpan in addition to Gold Mountain and John Bull. He has assigned Trail Leaders who will be responsible for finding mid gunners and tail gunners. Joe Martinez and Nancy Kenny will be responsible for food and will be recruiting members for sub-committees. Peggy Ogaz reported that there will be online software this year to assist in more efficient registration. Registration will open on March 4.

Round-up - Darryl and Mallory Jordon - Surfer Joe's, ramp will be there, also a game.

Adopt-a-Trail - Ken Ehlers - Forest Service would like help on more trails. Ie4w currently maintains 5 trails.

Historian - Jackie Sorcic - this will be her last report, Karen Henry will take over for her. Thanks Jackie and thanks Karen. Jackie read from correspondence received from Randy Stockberger way back in May 1999.

Scholarship - Tim Kemp - we are scholarly.

Safety - Jerry Burgess - reported on Electronic Stability Control. See report in newsletter.

Break - refreshments provided by Joe Martinez. March will be Kay Stauber

Report on Past Runs

Superstition Mountain - Peggy Ogaz

Future Runs - Randy Stockberger - not present.

Feb 15-17 - Lake Moreno - Powder Puff - Karen Henry

March 23 - Poker Run - Mark Ogaz - not present and Peggy has no clue.

April - Chaun Goldberg - Saint George.

May - Memorial Day Weekend -Taboose Creek Mark Ogaz -Peggy reported that they are trying to find a group site somewhere as Taboose Creek Campground is already full.

June - 13-16 - Fathers Day Weekend - BBFF - Everyone

July - Robin Reed - TBD

Future Events

Bob Berg - Moab - April 3 - 12 After Easter Jeep Safari

Loren Campbell - July 27 All 4 Fun - Utah

Old Business

Ie4w Challenge - Loren Campbell - Camp Kangaroo raised \$3445. CORVA raised \$7874. Paws for Patriots raised \$5421 and Operation Safe House raised \$18,090.

New Business - nothing to report

Sheriffs Report - Bill Henry - many many fines were handed out

Raffle Prizes provided by Chaun Goldberg. March will be Bob Berg

Motion by Ron Fleming and seconded by Russ Deer to adjourn meeting. Motion passed. Again Super D was a no.

Respectfully submitted - Cindy Coffin - Ie4W Secretary



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