

LOW RANGE RAMBLIN'

December 2019
A Publication of: Inland Empire 4 Wheelrs



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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.



December 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Tom & Sherie Thompson	3	4	5	6 Christmas Party	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Bobbie & Cindy Holley	17 Laura Gervais	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26	27	28 Joe Muhs, Steve & Judi Santa
29 Steven Soliz	30 Todd Vargason	31 New Years Eve				

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 6th Christmas Party

December 14th Calimesa Christmas Parade Doug Russell

January 11th Mecca Tom Thompson

January 17th Superstition Mtn (San Diego 4 wheel) Mark Ogaz

January 25th Trail Guide Training Loren Campbell

April 6th St George Loren Campbell

March 28– April 4 Moab Bob Berg

May 23 TBD Jim Miller

June 19-21 Forest Fest

July 16-19 Taboose Creek Mark Ogaz

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Sherie Thompson

Bobie and Cindy Holley

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

George & Shelley Biddlecomb '04

Loren Campbell and Joe Martinez '11

Larry & Cheri Mcrae '97

Mark & Peggy Ogaz '13

Jim & Sue Sloan '05



Safety Report

By Jerry Burgess

Towing 4x4s on Flat Trailers



Just prior to Thanksgiving, while driving to Parker in their motorhome towing their trailer with Jeep, the Stockbergers encountered a large red fire truck that quickly pulled into their path and immediately caused an unavoidable accident. The Jeep, because of the accident impact, was thrust forward against the tie downs that were placed in the frame rails. The force was so great that the hooks on the tie downs shredded the frame rails like a can opener. Randy asked, What's the proper way to secure a Jeep on a Trailer?

After doing online research, the following is what appears to be a best practice. Place your 4x4 on the trailer, low range, parking brake set, transmission in Park, equally centered from left / right, and on the trailer front to back to acquire the approx. 10% tongue weight.

Tire Nets, or Straps over the

tires are designed for lighter cars that don't have axles or tow hook locations, not for heavy vehicles. Secure large and heavier vehicles by the axle tubes, the lower A-arm, or a lower suspension link, but the best way is to put axle straps around the axle tubes. Use 2 straps per axle, 4 total. Put the straps over smooth metal, watch out for brake lines and speed sensor wires. It's best to run straps under these rather than over, as they can damage or break the wires or anchor points.

Attaching the straps to the frame or to bumper recovery points is not a good idea because the 4x4's suspension can compress and rebound as the trailer goes down the road, in effect loosening the straps. This can shorten the life of the straps, break the straps, or cause them to come unhooked if they do not have hook enclosures.



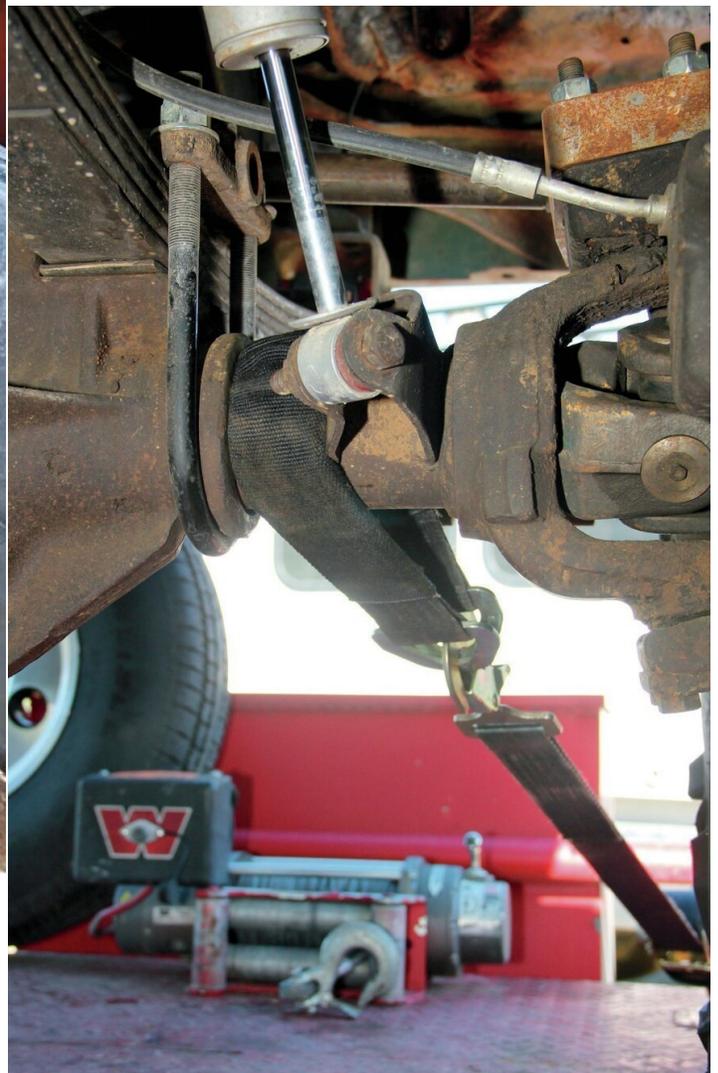
Questions arise whether to cross your tie-down straps or run them straight. Always run the front axle straps straight and the rear axle straps straight. If you run them crossed and one strap fails or comes loose, the vehicle will have a tendency to move sideways towards the remaining strap. If the straps are all straight and you lose a strap, the other three will still work to hold the vehicle in place.

Trailers with side-mounted stake pockets or “D” rings present an offset problem. They don’t run the straps straight but rather at an angle from the axle tube around the tire to the outside stake pockets. Chain extensions can attach to the stake pockets and across the trailer. It’s best to have properly installed tie-down points on the trailer deck.

Use straps and ratchets rated in excess of the load. Typical are 10,000 lb test. All 4 should be at this rating. Alternatives are chains and binders. Use Axle Straps or “D” ring Straps for the axles. After driving a short distance and the load equalizes or settles into the trailer, stop and tighten up the straps again to remove settled slack.

An excellent article with photo examples on this topic:

<https://www.fourwheeler.com/features/1507-proper-ways-to-strap-a-truck-trailer/>



Trip Reports

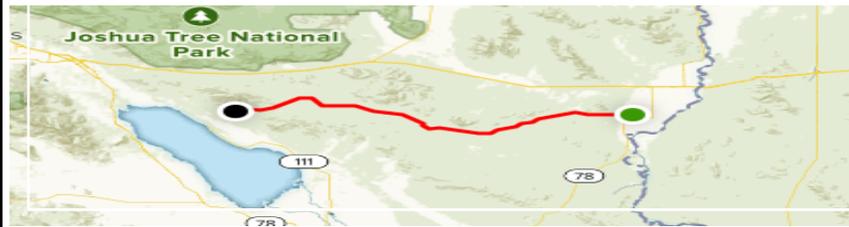
11/18/2019 Bradshaw Trail PreRun

Tom Thompson

John & Ming, Loren and Sherie and I pre-ran Bradshaw Trail and Red Canyon Trail. We also ran Mecca-copia Jeep Trail and Godwin Jeep Trail. This run is an easy beginner run and can be done by stock rigs. The run goes over and along the Coachella Canal and, over and under the Eagle Mountain Rail Line, and follows the historic Bradshaw Trail to the Red Canyon Trail in the Orocopia Mountains to Box Canyon Rd to Mecca-copia Jeep



Trail to Godwin Jeep Trail in the Mecca Hills. The trails have wa-wa-wa-wash bo-bo-bo-board and woo-woo-woopy doo-doo-doo.



NO REPORTS

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

11-3-2019 Holcomb Creek Darryl “Yota’s handle better on Two Wheels” Jordan



Trip Reports



We met up at cafe 247 in Lucerne Valley. Some had breakfast and we left about 9.

Members, Kevin and Barbara, Kevin Strong, John and Ming, Bob Berg, and Robin Reed.

Drove out to Granite road for air down and a meeting.

Barbara and I leading, with Robin as tail gunner. Went out with just a couple of obstacles to make it to the start of Split Finger. Went through the first obstacles no problem. Got to the main obstacles and hill climb.

One by one made it up to the top. Thanks so much for the help from everyone. I made the top and went back to spot, when I got back up, I found out some rigs were coming up the opposite way.



With no room to turn around or bypass we helped the leader winch off my JEEP and back down some. They left, and we continued down. It took a while to get down, spotting and stacking.



Went around the corner for the finish climb out. Very rutted out. Once we got past it, it was too late for hammer down. Went out to Camp Rock to air up. I was a great day out! Said good byes, Kevin Strong joined us for dinner at 247.



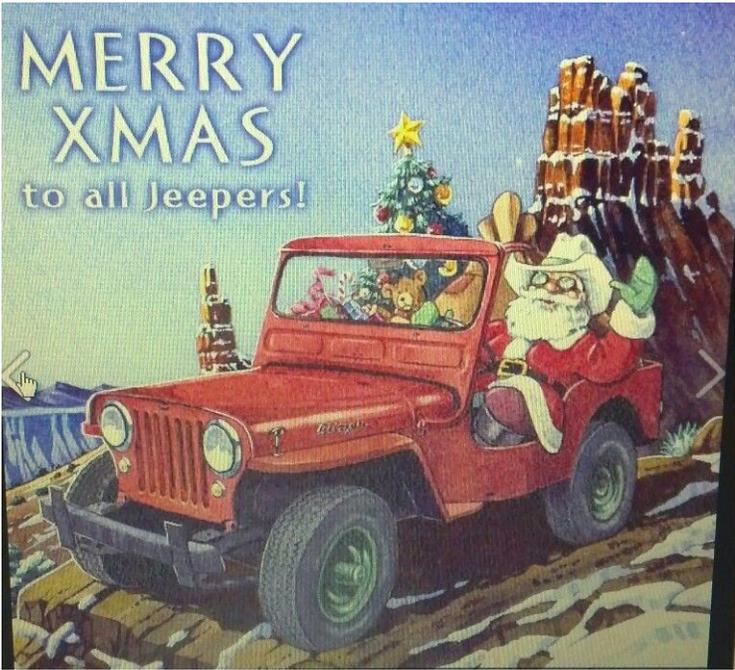
Thanks To all that came out.

Do some more soon.
Kevin Rice



Cougar Buttes

11-17-2019 Kevin Rice



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

Fuddruckers

4423 Mills Cir

Ontario, CA 91764

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

IE4W Minutes

November 7, 2019



MEETING MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Mike Anderson

Introduction of Guest: Chris & Naomi Petrotta 2013 JK; Mike & Jennifer Ewing 2017 JKU; David Gayle from Texas, 2019 Rubicon JL. **Welcome to all!**

Secretary's Report: Kay Stauber – “Any questions on the minutes”

Motion by: Peggy Ogaz

Second by: George Stauber **to accept Minutes as Published.**

Motioned Passed: ALL

Both Rosters will be passed around after the break! Should you need to make any changes then please do so.

Fun Fact: November 7th, 2019

“National Bittersweet Chocolate with Almonds Day”

Treasurer's Report: Karen Henry – started the month with \$57,089.64

Karen states that she had past bills to pay & Hospitality bills to be paid to Kay Stauber & Karen Henry!

Karen also passed the IE4W Club Roster Book around for any corrections.....

1st – Todd Vargason, 2nd – Ron Fleming, **Passed by:** ALL

Vice President & Land & Use Report: Robin Reed – Talked about “Land & Use”

Committee Chair Reports:

Merchandise: Kevin Strong – Had everything at the meeting except for BBFF items, but he states that he will bring to meeting should anybody need anything to let him know..... He also said that we had a Credit Card Machine to buy Merchandise.

Chaun Goldberg also mentioned about another Printing Company to look at for the Merchandise & they would match prices....

Newsletter: Todd Vargason – Everything is going well! “Thank you Todd for doing the Newsletter!”

Membership: - Joe Martinez – Absent, but Loren had the Packets should anybody need them...

Hospitality: Jennifer Atwood will be taking over Hospitality starting this month! Welcome Jennifer & Thank You!

Forest Fest - **We need a New Chair** – Please think about if you would like to become the New Chair Person for the BBFF.... Please let Mark Ogaz know....

Thank you to Tim Kemp for all your hard work with the BBFF! Well Done!

Next Committee Meeting – November 16th - @ Mark & Peggy Ogaz's House @6:00 p.m.

Round Up: - Bob Peterson – A lot of people showed up, nice turn out at Fuddruckers. Fuddruckers gives us the Lunch Prices too! It is located at Milliken/4th St. by the “Mills Mall”. “Bob Welcomes all to Round-Up on Tuesday, November 12th! Please join us for fun”.....

Adopt A Trail: Ken Ehlers – Apologized for not posting the AAT Mgt on the Forum. David Bentley is in Charge & the Go To Person. Don Alexander is the go between for Forest Services & Clubs. Ken also states that the IE4W is one of the few clubs that gets out there and helps. Next AAT Run may possibly be in January 2020.

Historian: Peggy Ogaz – Read Minutes from November 7, 1991. She also asked if she may get new boxes for the Historian items & needs \$50.00 to do so.

1st – Robin Reed, 2nd – Bob Peterson, **Passed:** ALL

Website – Teri Patterson – Nothing to Report

Scholarship – Tim Kemp – Absent

***Mark stated that anyone can nominate people!

Safety: Jerry Burgess – Talked about “Trailer = Flat Towing” & to please read his article in the News Letters, very important! Please make sure ALL Equipment is Functional. **Thank you Jerry for all your hard work in Safety!**

Loren Campbell also mentioned to please read your manuals.....

Break: Drinks for (December) will be provided by: Bob Berg

Cindy Ehlers for Raffle Tickets

Report on Past Runs:

October 13th – Onyx Summit – George Stauber we all met up at Arthur's Restaurant @ 7:00 a.m. had breakfast then headed out @ 8:00 a.m. to 2N01 for Onyx Summit. Got to the Trail head about 9:00 a.m. We aired down and had the "Driver's Meeting" and started on the trail at 9:30 a.m.

All in all we had a great run!

October 10th – 14th – Death Valley Pre Run – Randy Stockberger – Absent

Loren Campbell gave a report and mentioned if you have never been to Death Valley you should do so. All in All a good run!

October 20th – Clark's Grade – Robin Reed – Said they met at Denny's in Big Bear where they aired down, had a drivers meeting & left for the trail shortly after 9:00 a.m. They had a good run & thanked Scott Atwood & Jonathan for joining him.

November 3rd – Holcomb – Darryl & Mallory Jordan - Darryl stated that Robin Reed joined them & they were on the trail by 9 & done with the trail by 11:00. All in all it was a good run...

Future Runs: Loren Campbell

November 17th – Kevin Rice will be leading a run to Cougar Buttes, meeting at Café 247 @8:00, leaving by 9:00 & should be done by 3:00!

November 28th – Parker, AZ Thanksgiving – We will stay on California time while in Parker ...

December 6th – (IE4W Christmas Party) Highland Ranch Club House: It will be from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00. Guest will be \$10.00.... Meats will be provided by the Club & please bring a Side Dish & your drinks. Please bring a Gift if you want to participate in the Gift Exchange of \$50.00. Thank you!

December 14th – Christmas Parade - Doug Russell - It will be in Calimesa starting at 5:00 p.m.

January 11th, 2020 – Tom Thompson –I will lead a run from Mecca to Rancho Dos Palmas, to Bradshaw Trail, to Red Canyon Trail, to Box Canyon Rd, to Painted Canyon & Ladder Canyon and back to Mecca on January 11th, 2020. The time and meeting place to be determined.... I will be pre-running the trails next Thursday, November 14th. Let me know if you want to go on the pre-run._

January 25th, 2020 – Loren Campbell – Trail Guide Training Shop

January 17th, 2020 – Mark & Peggy Ogaz – Superstition Mtn.

April 6th – 9th, 2020 – Loren Campbell – St. George, Utah

May 2020 – Bob Berg – Moab

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

Future Events: Big Bear Forest Fest June 19th – 21st, 2020

Old Business: No new information at this time.

New Business: Welcome to **Derek & Bridget Rists'** new lil' arrival, welcome Lil' one.....

Chaun & Dani Goldberg - mentioned that "The Elk's Lodge" would like to make meals for the IE4W before the meetings around 6:00 p.m. Prices vary.....

Membership – Mike & Jennifer Ewing up for Membership!

Trail Leader Workshop – Loren Campbell

Parker 2020 – If you want to go to Parker in 2020, please make your reservations 1 year from when you would like to go! "Buckskin State Mountain Park", Parker, AZ

Camp Kangaroo – Mark Ogaz – said that Camp Kangaroo would like to be considered for the IE4W Challenge again!

Sheriff's Report: Bill Henry – Gave a few fines to people for Colors, etc. Thank you Bill for your entertainment, job well done....

Raffle Prizes – (November) was provided by **Rick Clay**

Raffle Prizes: - (December) **Robin Reed**

Closed Session: Voted for Mike & Jennifer Ewing (Voted In) Welcome Mike & Jennifer.....

Motion by: Rick Clay

Second by: Scott Atwood

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:10 p.m.

Motioned Passed: ALL

Respectfully Submitted by: - Kay Stauber

IE4W Secretary



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