

LOW RANGE RAMBLIN'

October 2020

A Publication of: Inland Empire 4 Wheelers



The September Meeting will be held at the Patterson's. We will also stream it via Zoom for those not comfortable meeting in person. Thanks Jim and Teri for hosting.

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WHO IS IE4W?

Inland Empire 4 Wheelers 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



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 Mark Ogaz



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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.



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



Safety Report

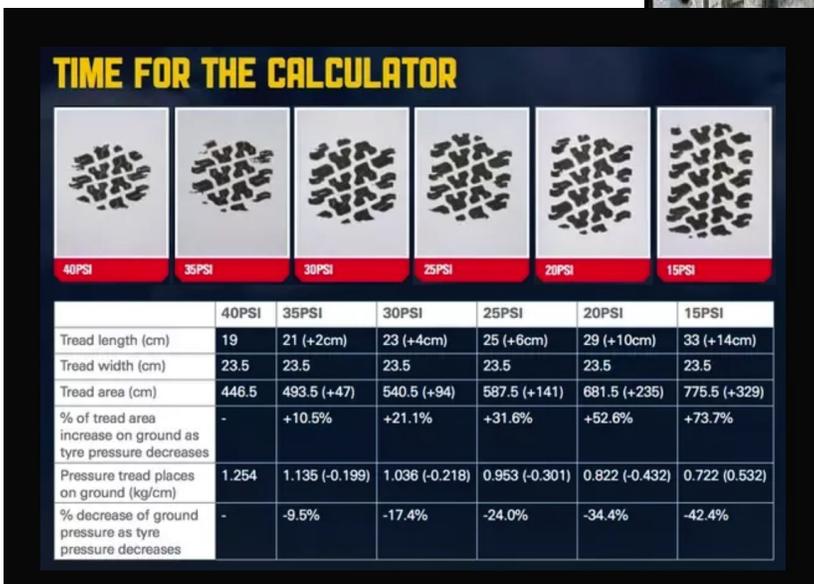
By Jerry Burgess

Why Lower is Better Off-Road

When traction and safety are important on the highway, the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Department of Transportation dictate what tire, rim, and air pressure are approved for your vehicle and the sticker in the driver's door lay all this out. However when you go off-road, there's a conflict between the traction and practicality of using the recommended tire and pressure so we often change out the rims and tires for a more efficient set. When doing so, we often opt for a larger tire and a larger rim to accommodate the new choices and the sticker in the door is no longer viewed. But what about the new tire pressures and what is right for what conditions?

When you deviate from the FMVSS, you're on your own, and my article is presented as an observation to what I have seen and seems to work. First consider the info for the new tires, Max. Pressure at Max Weight per tire x 2 per axle. What is the weight of the vehicle on that axle? Find the mfg. tire chart for your tire and see what the recommended tire pressure is for the axle weight and adjust to that for highway use. When off-roading the lower the better, to a point. Standard bead lock rims can hold the tire under deflated conditions but aren't meant for side pressure from turning or wedging your tires in V notches. They may dislodge the bead and flat the tire. Every tire has unique sidewall support, so when you deflate your tire watch the sidewall and foot print so you get a bulge and a slight squat of the tire. I suspect this will begin to appear below 20 psi on most tires. On my tires, I run 12 psi, standard bead lock rims.

The lower your pressure, the more flexible your sidewall is against sidewall damage from sharp rocks and allowing the tire to form to the rock face and ground to add traction by increased surface contact. When in soft dirt or sand, the ability to float over the sand and not dig a hole is noticed immediately. The ride is improved as smoother, but there is a limit. If you go too low, you risk the chance of breaking the bead off the rim, decreasing your ground clearance, or damage to the tire from a sharp rock pinching the tire's sidewall on the rim. I would not venture below 10 psi unless you have special rims or are experienced in already using this pressure. I have a couple pictures that demonstrate the tire footprint and traction with lower tire pressure. Always re-inflate tires to the proper pressure when driving on the highway after enjoying the off-road experience and be safe!



2020 Installation Picknick

9/27/2020



CAL4WHEEL accepts memorial donation in honor of Steve Gardiner



2019 Family of the Year. Bill and Karen Henry



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Don't Bother me I'm Eating



Past Prez Fills In for Mark

October 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1	2	3
4 Larry & Cher McRae	5	6	7	8 Jacob Holley	9	10
11	12 Kathy Burgess Columbus Day	13	14	15	16	17
18 Richard Casiano	19	20	21	22 Mark & Peggy Ogaz	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Barbara Bongiono	30	31 Sue McQuown Halloween

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

Upcoming Events

October 14-19 St George Loren Campbell

November 23rd-28th St George, UT Teri Patterson



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Larry & Cheri McRae

Mark & Peggy Ogaz

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Rick & Tammy Clay '00

John Dunlap '17

Craig Wilcutt '17

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

On Hold Due to Covid and the closing of Fuddruckers.

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

Septembers Club (night) Run

Up Doran Canyon/Calico

Members

Jeff Riley and Kim Ruiz 2018 JLU

Chaun and Dani Goldberg 2003 TJ

Bo Parham and Guest Andrew Bird 1992 XJ

Bob Peterson 2015 JK (Tail Gunner)

Mike Ewing 2017 JK

Russell Deer 2012 JK

Todd Vargas 2004 LJ

Steven and Amber Soliz 1987 XJ

Guests

Kevin and Felycia Marcus 2015 JK

David Carter 1986 4Runner

Austin Arnold 2008 JK

Amos Woody 2008 JK





For starters, "What a perfect evening at Calico!". I meet about half the group at Peggy Sue's, all eager to hit the road. We meet up with the other half at Doran Canyon Road and Ghost Town Road. To say the least, this group were "All well-built rigs". We aired down and started up the trail by 7:25pm. The trail looks a bit different in darkness so right off the bat I made a short lived "howdy-doodly". Don't tell anyone but I think only the first few rigs noticed. I love going up Doran Canyon and was not disappointed that night. In no time at all, we were having our first break at the Bismark Mining area. There were a few folks exploring the area with flashlights and headlamps.

Since we had time, we headed up to a high peak overlooking the Barstow/Yermo Valley below. Fantastic view with a slight warm breeze Perfect!

Continuing down past Sweetwater, down into Odessa Canyon, up along the Odessa Canyon Overlook Road and finally into and down Phillips Loop Road. Most of us drove through the Arch (someone decided to catch a few winks during this side trip).

We finished the night coming out Mule Canyon and airing up by 11:30pm. Not a bad night wheeling, no issues at all.



MEETING MINUTES

IE4W Minutes: September 3, 2020

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Jeff Riley

Introduction of Guest: No guests attended

Welcome to New Members: None

Secretary's Report: **Kay Stauber** – ✓ Anything on minutes???
-Jennifer Ewing took notes in Kay's absence

Also, wanted to say "Thank You" to both Jim & Teri Patterson for hosting the Meeting/Zoom at their house!!! Much appreciated!

Fun Fact:

"National Baby Back Rib Day!"

✓ Trail leaders fill out report & put on Forum Please!

Treasurer's Report: **Karen Henry** – started the month \$46,395.87
-paid storage and bills including taxes, hospitality and newsletter

All memberships fees and forms are due Oct 1st

Motioned by: Peggy Ogaz
Second by: Ron Flemming
Approved by: ALL

Vice President & Land & Use Report: **Robin Reed** – CORVA has reported low funds. Encouraged to promote CORVA membership. CORVA to sponsor B canyon cleanup in October.

Committee Chair Reports:

Merchandise: **Mike Anderson** – Inventory needed. Current merchandise located in storage. Mike needs access.

Newsletter: **Todd Vargason** – Stepping down, needs replacement. Discussion on where to print and cost.

Membership: - **Scott Atwood** – Absent

Hospitality: **Jennifer Atwood** – Absent
- Russ Deer thanked the club for their well wishes for Karen's surgery.

Forest Fest: **Cindy Coffin** – Stepping down, needs replacement.

Round Up: - **Bob Peterson** – Round up currently cancelled. Checking on Graziano's patio.

Adopt A Trail: **Ken Ehlers** – Steve Gardiner with Cal4wheelers memorial to be held at Slash X.

Historian: **Peggy Ogaz** – Nothing to report

Website: **Teri Patterson** – Nothing to report

Scholarship: **Tim Kemp** – Absent
-Scholarship recipients to be paid at installation party.

Safety: Jerry Burgess – Brake light brightness. Correct SAE upgrade vs. false DOT aftermarket products. Brightness on non OEM lights can be hard to differentiated between tail light and brake light.

Flu Shots

Donations to other Organizations: Chaun Goldberg – Looking for new organizations to donate to for up coming year.

Break: Provided by Terri Patterson

Report on Past Runs:

Kevin Rice-John Bull/Holcomb Creek-All went well. Kevin has small break down. (7 members, 2 guests)

Bill Henry-Calico Prerun on Doran Canyon

Future Runs:

Sept. 12th – Bill & Karen Henry – Calico Night Run! Will be meeting at Peggy Sue's to leave by 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 14th – 20th 2020 – Hurricane, UT – Loren Campbell

November 23rd – 28th – Hurricane, UT - Terri Patterson

Future Events:

-Installation party to be held at Bill and Karen Henry's on Sept 27th

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

Elections-all board members reelected in toto.

Motion by: Loren Campbell

Second by: Ron Fleming

Donation to Cal4Wheeler in Steve Gardiner's name: \$500

Motion by: Tom Thompson

Second by: Mark Ogaz

Sheriff's Report: Bill Henry – 5 fines collected

Motion by: Cindy Coffin

Second by: Bill Henry

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:00 p.m.

Motioned Passed: ALL

Respectfully Submitted by: - Jennifer Ewing for Kay Stauber
IE4W Secretary



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