

LOW RANGE RAMBLIN'

JANUARY 2022—HAPPY NEW YEAR

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 meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM

The Redlands Elks Lodge #583

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.



IE4W Board 2021 –2022

Karen Henry, Mike Ewing, Ron Fleming and Jennifer Ewing

BIRTHDAY'S

<p>Derek Rist Bo Parham William Henry Cheri McRae</p>	<p>January 14th January 15th January 22nd January 25th</p>
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ANNIVERSARIES

George & Kay Stauber **January 9th**

CELEBRATE!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello IE4W members and guests,

Happy New Year! Looking forward to exciting jeep runs and activities in 2022. Also looking forward to seeing everyone at Superstition Mountain run on January 14th to support the San Diego Four Wheelers Club. Thank you everyone for your participation in the Truckhaven New Years run. Great time had by all!

Mike Ewing



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.



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

Safety Report

By Jerry Burgess

Spare Tire Problems?

Most Off-Roaders carry a spare tire / wheel that matches their primary size. If you're using stock wheels and tires this discussion may not apply to your rig. We need to discuss the safety of carrying an "Oversized" wheel and tire on either the stock tailgate carrier, or the swing-out carrier that typically attaches to either the hinges or pivots on a post mounted on your bumper. If you have a newer JL Jeep, then it might apply as newer Jeeps have modified tail gates to carry heavier loads, but it's worth knowing limits for safety reasons.

The stock TJ-JK wheel mount on the back is rated to 85 lbs. Stock tire/wheels weigh less, around 60 lbs. When you swap out the stock for either 35 or 37 inch wheels and then put on BFG KMs you're putting more weight into the set. Put on bead-lock wheels that weigh about 38 lbs. alone and you can almost double the weight per wheel / tire to 110 to 129 lbs. This weight now exceeds the rating of the stock carrier, and for those that figure how to mount their oversize spares will experience some common problems shared on forums = wrinkled sheet metal or broken spot welds on the tail gate, broken hinges, or broken / cracked stock tire carriers, or maybe nothing? OR, Maybe they just don't know?

When mounted on a swing-out tire carrier, the risk still has potential as the weight is still the same. Given we drive on washboard roads, dips, and concrete sectional freeways, it's easy to hear the spare tire slapping the tailgate in rhythm with the whoops. It's that movement that eventually fatigues the carrier and can end in a catastrophic loss of the carrier. I have seen 2 carriers separate from Jeeps due to fatigue. SOLUTION? – Arrest the movement with supports or snubbers and add structural support below the tire to assist the swing out carrier from bearing the total weight. If you have a 2 inch receiver for a tow hitch, there's multiple methods. I created one that both supports and prevents the tire from being bent into the rear window and blowing it out when descending over a ledge and dropping onto the spare tire. Check your spare's motion or listen for slapping or bouncing when wheeling and fix it!!!

Jerry Burgess



Trip Reports

Trail report

December 31st 1800 Night run at Truckhaven

Members

Mike and Jennifer Ewing

Kevin Rice

Ron Fleming and Tammy Roberts

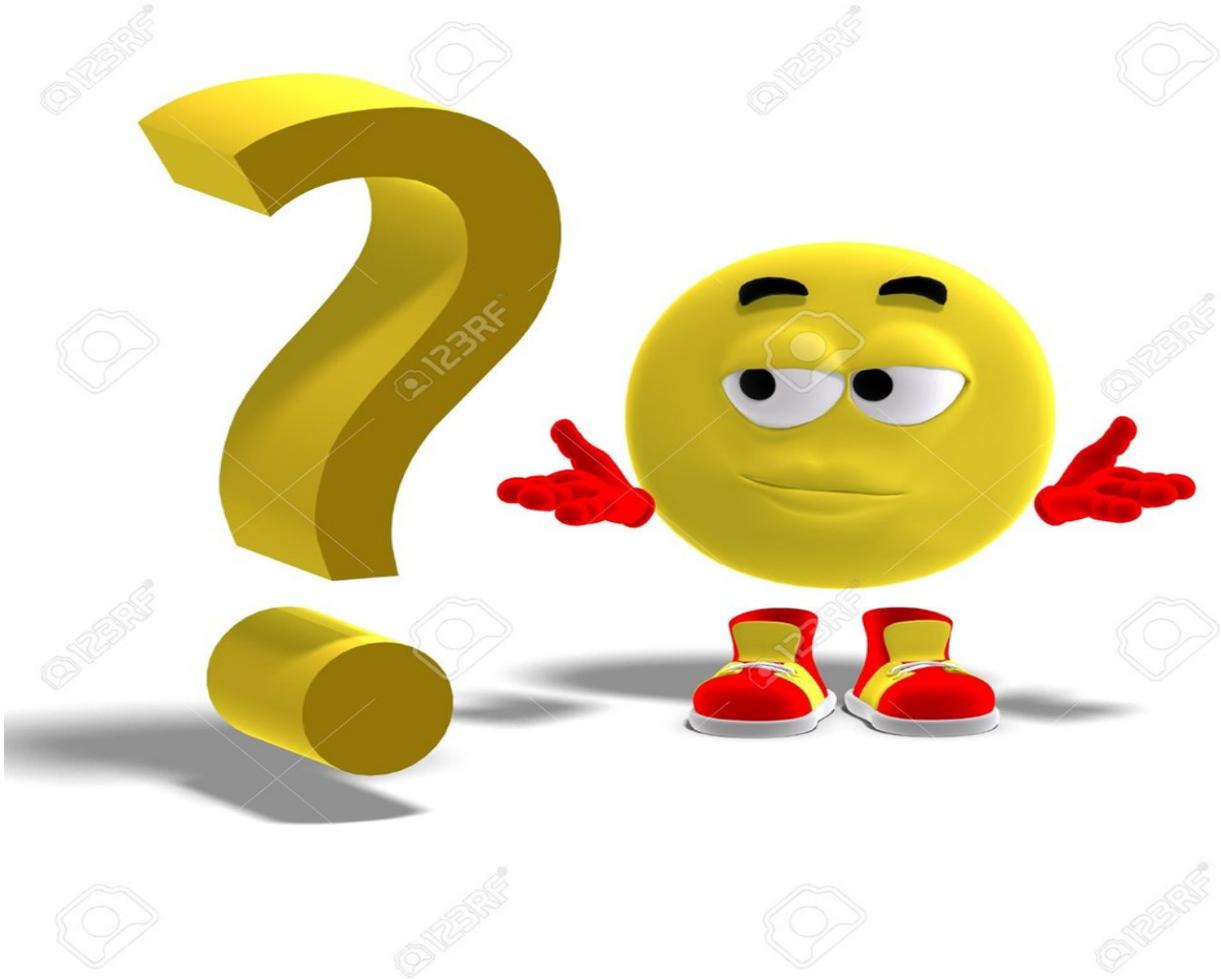
Todd Vargason

Russ Deer

Started our Poker Run at 1800 and we started with Obstacle course and moved over to notches after that. Navigated through both arches then moved on to axle alley. Up to basketball court and telephone booth then on to street sign hill and finished at our old campsite. Great times on the actual run. Made about four other runs as well. Ended up on Saturday in Borrego Springs for some pizza and site seeing. The Peterson were there as well but did not make the Poker Run. In the end Kevin Rice won the trophy with fives full of two, a Full House. Congrats Kevin Rice!

Mike Ewing

Trip Reports



NO TRIP REPORTS RECEIVED

FUTURE RUNS and EVENTS

January Club Run — 24th Annual Superstition Mountain Run with San Diego 4 Wheelers.

I will be attending SD4W Superstition Mountain Run. I will be arriving Friday Evening and leaving Monday. Registration is open. It is south of Truck Haven.

Registration - <https://sd4wheel.com/24th-annual-sup...-mountain-run/>

They have a good raffle and campfire Saturday night. I will be setting up just north of their campsite.

They have multiple runs for all level of 4x4s.

From their page.

"The base camp will be near the end of Wheeler Road by the kiosk. The GPS coordinates for the event are 32° 53'21.6"N 115°45'54.7"W (32.889333, -115.765194). The ground is firm, level, and there is plenty of room for RV's and tents, however, there are no facilities of any sort. Pack it in, pack it out. The club will provide porta-potties and a large dumpster for trash. The terrain is desert, so bring firewood if you want a fire. WARNING! Any pallets or wood with nails is prohibited. You will be cited by the Rangers."

See you there.



Calico Run

February 5—6, 2022

36600 Ghost Town Road, Yermo, CA 92398760.254.1123

PARK HOURS:

Open daily: 9 AM to 5 PM

Calico is an old West mining town that has been around since 1881 and was abandoned in the mid-1890s after silver lost its value. The town that once gave miners a good living lost its hustle and became a "ghost town."



FUTURE RUNS and EVENTS

Mark and Peggy's annual Owen's Valley Run

May 19-22

We will be staying at the Lone Pine Best Western

[Address:](#) 1008 S Main St, Lone Pine, CA 93545

[Phone:](#) [\(760\) 876-5571](tel:7608765571)

Checking in Thursday night and doing runs Friday and Saturday. If there is enough interest we will do the Reward Mine on Sunday on the way home.

There is also camping at the Lone Pine Campground in the Alabama Hills.

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/recrea/inyo...a/?recid=20686>

Lots of movies were filmed in this area.

We will be running the Salt Tram Trail and Mazourka Canyon Peak Trail

Thanksgiving 2022 at Parker annual club run

UPDATE (12/11/2021) for Thanksgiving 2022 is a little over a year away.

2022 Thanksgiving will be at Buckskin Mountain State Park where IE4W members will be camping at Buckskin Mountain State Park outside of Parker, Az.

Some IE4W members have already reserved RV spots at Buckskin Mountain State Park.

The club run will be on Friday, November 25, 2022 will be leaving from Buckskin Mountain State Park. The club trail run for that Friday has not been determined yet.

We will be having Thanksgiving dinner together on Thursday, November 24, 2022. I will be deep frying a turkey and Mike Ewing is going to also cook a turkey too. So turkeys are covered.

If any IE4W members or guests are interest in going. You should probably book now with Buckskin Mountain State Park. Furthermore, if you don't find any campsites available now, keep looking throughout the year as campsites do come available

Buckskin Mountain State Park phone number is 877-697-2557. You can also google the Buckskin Mountain State Park for more info.

Contact me if you have any questions and hope to see you guys there.

Ron Fleming





Meeting Minutes

IE4W Minutes for: December 2nd 2021

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Bill Henry

Introduction of Guest:
Glenn Tetley
Carelton & Claudette Lockwood

Secretary's Report: Jennifer Ewing –Anything on minutes?

Motion by: Mark Ogaz
Second by: Ron Fleming to accept Minutes as Published.
Motioned Passed: ALL

Trail leaders fill out report & put on Forum Please!

Treasurer's Report: Karen Henry – started the month with \$33,133.81. No new bills to approve.

Vice President & Land & Use Report: Ron Fleming – No news to report. Please consider joining CORVA to help support.

Committee Chair Reports::

Merchandise: Mike Anderson – Brought merchandise and sold flag and apparel.

Newsletter: Karen Henry – Added holiday flair to newsletter and a delicious recipe.

Membership: - Bill Bem – reminder to guests to bring membership packet to runs and meetings so that they can get prompt credit to move forward towards joining.

Round Up: - Bob Peterson – will be held on the 14th of December at Graziano's.

Adopt A Trail: Robin Reed – recently ran 2N36 and 2N27

Historian: Bobby Holley – found an old run report from Sept 1997 for Calico. They ran Odessa, Doran, and mule canyon. They explored the mines, loved the different color of tailings, canyons and visited ghost town.

Website: Teri Patterson – Nothing new to report. Reviewed new “contact” addition to webpage. No new activity.

Safety: Jerry Burgess – Fire Extinguishers

Jerry discussed the need to service current ABC fire extinguishers and introduced a new fire extinguisher called the “Rusoh Eliminator”, that is a self-service, rechargeable, dry chemical fire extinguisher. This would be a great replacement for the expired fire extinguishers currently in use.

Break: Drinks from Mike Anderson

Report on Past Runs:
Onyx/Heartbreak Ridge-Todd Vargason
Combo Run-Kevin Rice
Parker-Ron Fleming

Future Runs: Kevin Rice:

12/4 Crowbar-Kevin Rice

12/30 Truckhaven-Mike Ewing

1/14-16 Superstition Mtn-Mark Ogaz

2/4-6 Calico-Bob Peterson

3/? Corrale Canyon-Kevin Rice

5/? Taboose-Mark Ogaz

Future Events:

12/11-Xmas Party

Old Business:

Donated old BBFF apparel to Boys and Girls Club in Redlands. Receipt given to treasurer.

Reminder to switch to GMRS before Jan 1

New Business:

Request for new QuickBooks for Treasurer, Karen Henry. Current QuickBooks is no longer interfacing with bank.

Motion by: Chaun Goldberg

Second by: Mark Ogaz

Sheriff's Report: Bill Henry – \$16

-colors

-tardy

-breakdowns

Raffle Prizes: - \$100 50/50

Motion by: Russ Deer

Second by: JD

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:48pm

Motioned Passed all

Respectfully Submitted by: - Jennifer Ewing

IE4W Secretary



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Butternut Squash Corn Chowder

Ingredients:

4 ears fresh sweet corn or 2 cups frozen whole kernel corn
4 cups chopped peeled butternut squash (about 1 small squash)
1 tablespoon butter, melted
½ cup chopped onion (1 medium)
½ cup chopped leek (1 medium)
2 14.5 ounce cans reduced-sodium chicken broth
¼ cup half-and-half or milk
2 teaspoons snipped fresh sage
¼ teaspoon ground white pepper
2 tablespoons honey (optional)
Fresh sage leaves

Directions:

Step 1

If using fresh corn, use a sharp knife to cut the kernels off the cobs (you should have about 2 cups corn kernels). Set aside.

Step 2

Preheat oven to 425°F. Coat the bottom and sides of a roasting pan with nonstick cooking spray. Arrange squash in the bottom of the prepared pan. Drizzle with melted butter; toss to coat. Bake for 10 minutes, stirring once. Remove from oven. Add corn, onion, and leek to pan. Toss to combine. Return to oven and bake about 15 minutes more or until vegetables are tender, stirring once.

Step 3

Place one-third of the squash mixture and one-third of the broth in a food processor or blender. Cover and process or blend until almost smooth. Repeat with half of the remaining squash mixture and the remaining broth at a time. Transfer processed mixture to a 4-quart Dutch oven. Add the half-and-half, snipped sage, and white pepper. Heat through.

Step 4

To serve, ladle chowder into bowls. If desired, drizzle a little honey over individual servings. Garnish with fresh sage leaves.

