

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!

Safety Report

By Jerry Burgess

Winch Basics and Safety

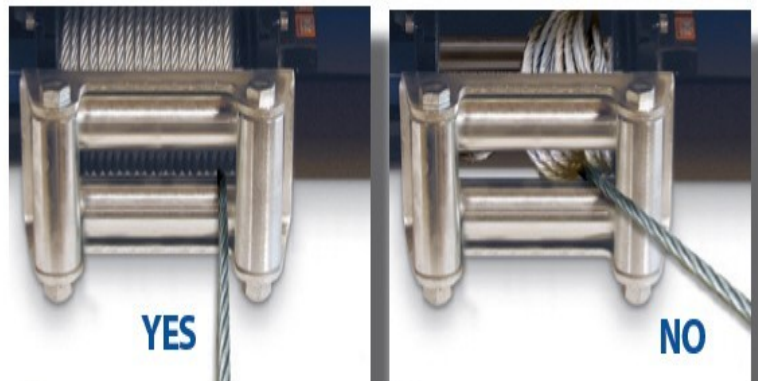
When either you are stuck or you assist someone who is stuck, first assess the conditions and make sure your equipment can handle the pull or angles of the pull so you don't exceed the capacity of your winch (1 + 1/2 your weight rating min). Use secure anchor points meant to be used for recovery. Secure the winch line directly to anchor points, don't wrap around and hook back onto the line. Square off to the pull so your drum wraps pulled line through the center of the fairlead. Avoid the dead pull, assist stuck vehicles as they try to drive out. Start slowly and take up slack. Have someone on the brakes inside the pulling vehicle. Keep the pulling vehicle's engine running. Watch the pull and stop immediately if there is a potential for creating new damage, the pulling vehicle is moving, or making the stuck situation worse. Use line sleeve or mat over rocky areas to protect synthetic line from fraying. Use Tree Straps to protect trees. Hands off the winch line! Prevent driving over the winch line when the stuck vehicle is no longer stuck.

Get the most from your winch. Extra layers cut pulling power. Stay in The Pulling Power Zone.



Winch safety applies to not only the owner / operator of the equipment, but to those who may be spectators or the one receiving the assist. Tremendous stored energy can be created in the steel cable or synthetic line while in use. Should any failure of any component occur, from the cable, the attachment devices, or even the welded anchor points, parts could be launched or hurled in any direction, even at odd angles. Keep a safe distance to the sides, not in alignment with the stored energy in the cable. Use a dampening device over the cable to absorb energy during a failure. A blanket, mat, chain, or other large object helps more on cable than synthetic. Wear gloves. Keep in contact with the operator of the stuck vehicle to work together in the recovery. Use Low Range if possible. Make sure the operator of the stuck vehicle is slowly trying to drive out as you pull.

After you complete the recovery, inspect your line for new damages, collect all your accessories, clean your line from mud or debris as soon as practical, and re-spool the line onto the drum in an orderly manner so there are layers of windings covering the full width of the drum, preferably while under tension to create tight windings and a good foundation. If re-spooled loosely and used later under tension, the line could pull down through loose windings and make a snarl. Put your winch control in a handy location that you can reach it. During a run you may need to hand your controls to someone because you are in a tip over potential and you need to save yourself! Have your D-Rings installed on your own bumper anchors, and tightened enough not to lose the pin, but not torqued down with a tool.



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

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Ken&Cindy Ehlers	4 Business Meeting	5	6
7	8	9 Round Up	10	11	12 St George, UT	13 St George, UT
14 Teri Paterson Terry McNeil	15 Kevin Strong	16	17 Cindy Nunnally	18	19 Ken Ehlers Richard&Lynette Casiano	20
21 Easter!!!	22 	23	24	25 Karsyn Kemp Nancy Kenny	26	27
28	29					

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 12-13 - Chaun Goldberg - Saint George.

May - Memorial Day Weekend -

Taboose Creek Mark Ogaz

May/June BBFF Preruns

June - 13-16 - Fathers Day Weekend - BBFF

July - Robin Reed - TBD



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Ken & Cindy Ehlers

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Ron Burris

Richard & Lynette Casiano

Evan & Kim Owen

Alex & Misty Rodriguez

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

Board of Directors

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The Inland Empire Four Wheelrs 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.



EDITOR'S COMMENTARY

By Vargy

Membership and Club Charity



We all have our reasons for being a full member of this organization. When I joined I was asked to speak to the members and give my reason for wanting to join. I think I said something about the opportunity to learn from such patient people with newbies. That is as true as always, but that can be had at anytime for a guest as well without the commitment. One of the main reasons I find value in being a member and staying somewhat active is the charitable contributions we are able sustain just doing what we enjoy. I was really glad and proud to hear from our guest speakers last month. Positive impacts reaffirmed why I want to be a full member and not simply a guest. Granted we donate funds and efforts to protecting our hobby rights. It's another great benefit although self fulfilling. This is essential to the off-road community as we all know we are challenged by outside forces at every corner. The cool thing in my opinion is that we get to spend dollars on other altruistic charities as well.

This brings me to my next thoughts. Big Bear Forest Fest. This is our big hitter for generating the monies to continue our charitable activities. We have seen a recent dip in our membership and therefore we all need to step up and do a little more to make this event the success it has always been. Keep that in mind when it comes to the volunteer lists. We have new people chairing tasks this year and we all need to be observant and willing to fill in anywhere and anytime to make this another great event for our guests. Most of us will need to take vacation from work to go do a "second job" on this one.

This is a great opportunity for us to sell our club to perspective members. Get some business cards from Joe to hand out. Be extra friendly and inclusive with our guest and encourage good candidates to hang out with us and contemplate joining. New members only make us stronger and more energized.

If you got this far Thanks for reading my ramblings.

Vargy.





NO REPORT RUNS

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

3-2-2019 Cougar Buttes—Kevin Rice Canceled

March 2019 Poker Run—Mark Ogaz Canceled

4-3-2019 Moab—Bob Berg Delayed 1 year



Trip Reports

Achy Breaky—Stoddard Wells

3-3-2019

Steven and Amber Soliz

No formal report has been submitted. There were two members Steven and Amber Soliz along with Todd Vargason. 1 guest Jamie Duncanson and Family sporting a fresh paint scheme. We met at the turn off of 247 and Stoddard Wells Rd at approximately 9 am and aired down. The trail is a senic loop around the mountain with some fun obstacles along the way. This is an open area and we took advantage of a couple of the more interesting valleys between the hills to test our rigs

and nerves. Careful spotting made short work of the more puckery areas. There were no breakdowns, winches or straps



to be reported. This was my first time on this trail and it was fun exploring a new area to me.

Todd Vargason

Achy Breaky—Stoddard Wells

3-3-2019

Steven and Amber Soliz

Trip Reports



Trip Reports

Motino Wash 3-16-2019

Bob Berg

MEMBERS: Bob Berg (leader), Kevin Rice (primary vehicle guide), Mike Anderson, Dick Gervais, & Ron Flemming (tail gunner & vehicle guide).

GUESTS: Keith LeFever, Jeff Riley and Kim Ruiz, John Delacy and Sonia Cruze, & Nate Hall and Greg S.

Nine 4X4's were on this run; all Jeeps except Dick's Suzuki. We drove up highway 38 to 2N01 4x4 trail and aired down. There was 8" to 12" of snow on the ground but several vehicles had already driven over the trail. We headed East on 2N01 then turned right onto virgin snow on the trail that connects to the Pontiac loop, but turned right just before the loop. We passed 3 oncoming vehicles, which ended the virgin snow. No problems with the snow. We proceeded to Rattlesnake Canyon and turned onto that trail. When we came to Motino Wash, we turned in and proceeded up it very slowly. Many of the vehicles needed guiding thru much of the rocky features which come one after another the full length of Motino Wash.

There was carnage on the trail. A slightly bent front driveshaft & a flat tire. I'll not "rat out" the drivers, however I will "rat out" myself. It all started when I took the hard line and hung up on a large rock. After trying forward & reverse several times with lockers engaged, the rock which had a large snout rotated up on edge and the snout went above my skid plate hitting my Atlas site tube on the lower stainless fitting. Needless to say, it tore the fitting from the aluminum case taking some threads with it & I lost all of the T-case oil. Fortunately, the Atlas case is very thick at that point and there were sufficient threads left to reinsert the undamaged fitting. Dick Gervais, and Kevin Rice assisted in the fix. Proper oil was another thing; GL4 full synthetic is required. Kevin had 1 quart; I didn't have any, so I used some 85W-140 non-synthetic oil. Any oil is better than insufficient oil. I am not done with the carnage yet.



Trip Reports

Motino Wash 3-16-2019

Bob Berg



Three hundred feet after the t-case incident, I hit another rock, this time directly on the steering assist cylinder clamp. The force rotated the clamp down ~25 degrees making steering somewhat unstable. I could still drive my Jeep so we continued on. Due to the time, we scrapped both Gold Mountain and Little John Bull runs and exited via 2N01 where we aired up. Guess what, my ARB twin air compressor did not work. Jeff Riley used his Power Tank and aired up my tires. I removed my hydraulic steering assist cylinder with Dick's assistance and headed home. Dick and Keith LeFever stayed with me heading home until I stopped to answer my cell phone in Mentone. I arrived home at 12:20am Sunday morning. It was a long day for everyone.

Special thanks to Kevin, Dick, and Keith for their assistance. Also, thanks to Ron and Kevin for guiding the 4X4s thru the rocks in Motino Wash.

In conclusion, Motino Wash lived up to its very "black diamond" rating.



North Coyote Canyon & Alder Canyon

3-26-2019 Thom Thompson

Trip Reports



Joe and Loren and Sherie and I met at the Ca-huilla Casino in Anza for a nice breakfast. We aired down at the top of Coyote



Canyon and headed down the Turkey Track. On the way down we passed a pickup with two guys in it. One of the guys was down in the canyon two days ago and had broken 2 axles and a drive shaft in his pickup. He had been down the canyon the day before and swapped out the axles and was going back down with a drive shaft. We drove to Bailey's Cabin and then to Alder Canyon and then back out. The flowers were the best I have seen and we were in a



blizzard of butterflies. We never did see the pickup. Either he got it repaired and out before we headed out or he was



up Horse Canyon. I would now rate the Turkey Track and the area where it comes out in the canyon as moderate difficulty the rest of the trail was easy. We did not do Horse Canyon.



Tom Thompson

Trip Reports

Attendees:	William and Karen Henry	Members
	Trail Leader	
	Scott and Jennifer Atwood	Guests
	Mid Gunner	
	Keith and Carol Lefever	Guests
	Tail Gunner	

Powder Puff Run
Lake Morena Camping
Corral Canyon OHV—Sidewinder
March 22-24, 2019
Karen & Bill Henry

IE4W,

First let us start by saying we had a wonderful time, even though there was a very small turn-out, the weather was beautiful, and the views were amazing.

We started out at 10:30am on Saturday from the staging area of Four Corners where we aired down. Soon after we arrived at the entry to Sidewinder. The small but mighty group began the trail. We met up with a couple of other groups of two and three jeeps. They were taking breaks and offered us to go ahead. This trail is full of twists and turns and is rated as a “Black Diamond” (most difficult) as referenced in the Descanso Ranger District map.

With that information being said, our two guests, did an absolute wonderful job navigating through the trail. We finished the trail by 12:30, we had lunch at Bobcat Meadows campground.

Our potluck provided delicious food, enough for an army! While enjoying our campfire we had a couple of Pacific Crest Trail hiker come by and we invited them for dinner. They accepted and were extremely grateful.

We broke camp Sunday morning and then headed home.



Bill and Karen



Ie4w

March 2019 minutes



MEETING MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance led by Bob Peterson

Introduction of Guests - Scott Atwood, Chris Petrotta, Naomi Muhs, Dana Graham, Keith Lefevre, Mike & Jennifer Ewing, Beau Wetzel, Jeff & Kim Riley, Mark Salerno and John Padilla

Guests from Ie4w Challenge- Denise - Kamp Kangaroo, Seasons Hospice Foundation and Cathy from Operation Safe House - Youth Shelter Facility. Both guests spoke about their respective charities. They both were presented checks from Ie4w for their charities.

Secretary's Report - Cindy Coffin - rosters will be circulated after the break. Motion made by Randy Stockberger and seconded by George Stauber to accept minutes as published, motion passed.

Treasurers Report - Dani Goldberg - started month with \$61,725.92. Bills to be paid for BBFF, raffle, newsletter, 2017 taxes, and software setup for BBFF. Motion by Randy Stockberger and seconded by Robin Reed to pay bills. Motion passed.

Vice President and Land Use Report - Loren Campbell - nothing to report

Committee Chair Reports

Merchandise - Kevin Strong - would like to order 12 hats for \$25 each. Also will look into camouflage hats. Needs \$300. Will return next meeting with info on camo hats and then request a motion for purchase money. Blankets will be here in 2 weeks.

Newsletter - Todd Vargason - all good

Membership - Joe Martinez - has membership packets and Ie4w business cards.

Hospitality - Kay Stauber - going well

Forest Fest - Tim Kemp - registration will be opening soon. BBFF t-shirts will be light gray. Members Only - do NOT sign up for trails. Joe Martinez and Nancy Kenny - sent around a sign-up sheet for different job duties to assist in getting things ready for dinner and the set-up.

Round-up - Darryl and Mallory Jordon - Surfer Joe's is remodeling and will postpone roundup for March.

Adopt a Trail - Ken Ehlers - Odell Tucker is contact with the Forest Service. We now have permits to continue to work on trails. We have also added 2N25 to our list of trails to maintain. March 30 will be a clean-up on Devils Hole. Information to follow.

Historian - Karen Henry - no report.

Scholarship - Tim Kemp - Applications are live and on the website.

Safety - Jerry Burgess - not present - Bill Henry "reported". Report in newsletter.

Break - Refreshments provided by Kay and George Stauber. April will be Cindy and Ken Ehlers. May will be Bill and Rachel Bem.

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Report on Past Runs

Loren Campbell - Feb 16 snow run

Derek Rist - February 23- Johnson Valley

Steven Soliz - not present - Todd Vargason reported

Future Runs - Randy Stockberger

March 16 - Bob Berg - Motino Wash

March 23 - Karen Henry - Lake Moreno - Powder Puff Run

March 26 - Apr 4 - Bob Berg - Moab

April 12 - 13 - Chaun Goldberg - Utah

May 23 - Memorial Day Weekend - Mark Ogaz - not present - still working on a campground.

June 14 - 16 - BBFF - EVERYONE

July 13 - Robin Reed - Clarks Grade - will be a night run

July 27 - Loren Campbell - All 4 Fun - Colorado

Future Events

None

Old Business - Loren Campbell - 1e4w challenge

New Business

Trailer Storage and storage for boxes - There is a need to consolidate storage items. Storage space 10x10 = \$125.00 month. 10x15 = \$160.00 month. Trailer cannot be accommodated. Trailer can be stored at Derek and Bridget Rists property. Robin Reed moved to keep trailer at Derek and Bridget's and to rent a 10x15 storage unit across from the Elks Lodge. Heidi Kemp seconded. Motion passed.

Sheriffs Report - Bill Henry - numerous fines for numerous offenses.

Raffle Prizes provided by Bob Berg. April will be provided by Russ Deer.

Motion made by Tim Kemp and seconded by Joe Martinez to adjourn meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Coffin. 1e4w Secretary



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