

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!

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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

Ron Fleming
Kimberly Owne
Cindy Holley
Bobby Holley
Joe Martinez
Tim Kemp
Carl Lhamon
Lynette Casiano
Mark Ogaz

February 2nd
February 6th
February 6th
February 19th
February 19th
February 20th
February 20th
February 20th
February 28th





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello IE4W members and guests,

Mike Ewing



*Happy
Valentine's Day*

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

Disappearing Bolts?

I would like to address the problem of “Disappearing Bolts” that are actually there one moment and gone the next. I can attest to this phenomenal action as I have witnessed it myself a number of times. I believe I have an idea as to where they go when they disappear. Being a cyclist, I see and pick up both nuts and bolts along the trails and roadways daily. These aren’t broken or worn, they’re in excellent condition, everything from Stainless to Grade 8, both SAE and Metric. So, there seems to be a problem with keeping the nuts and bolts together and in the place where they’re supposed to be working for you.

I also found from personal experience that if a nut or bolt can move, it will unscrew itself on the threads. Why? When the bolts are in place and torqued, they are “locked” in place and with no gaps between the threads of the nut and bolt or the bolt and parts being held together so they act as one. When you introduce forces against the “parts” or introduce constant vibrations from off roading, any movement that can be created will, over time, become more movement from loss of surface material or wear from friction. This wear loss subtracts from the bolt holding torques and is like backing off on the bolt or nut. When this occurs the “locked” threads now have a gap available at times of movement or relaxation which allow movement of the fastener. Unfortunately, once started, any gap encourages more gap and more movement, not to be tighter, but looser. Eventually, this movement goes un-noticed until the fastener “Disappears” from its position and creates the potential for disaster.

I have mentioned doing safety inspections on your vehicle for a number of reasons, this being one. But how do you actually validate the process of inspecting nuts and bolts? Putting a wrench on important nuts and bolts will check for movement below torqued specifications, meaning it is just starting to be loose. This also means that you look for nuts and bolts that you might casually miss or overlook for not getting up close. You have to actually look at every component and then look for shiny wear areas at intersections of parts suggesting movement and friction wear. I strongly advocate the use of paint pens for marking the bolt/nut across a part for its original position and later visual movement detection. Listen for new pops or clunky noises, grab parts and pull on the components to identify loose bolts allowing movement. These are critical for your safety and also those around you when you lose control of your vehicle due to a part that failed to be in its place. Then, when a Nut or Bolt disappears, do you have a replacement with you? I suggest you get a coffee can ready with important sizes of spare Nuts & Bolts!

Jerry Burgess



Trip Reports

AAT Run 3N14 Coxeys on 1-9-2022

We met at the Fawnskin Fire Station at 9:30am Sunday Morning the 9th. There were a total of 10 4wheel drive vehicles and 13 people and 1 dog.

We had a driver meeting, and everyone was given Gloves, Pick-up-tools, and Trash Bags. We started up Coxeys where we found a few bottles and cans along the way. Most of the culverts were clear until we came across one blocked by snow with part of the road washed out leading to it. We cleared the snow blocking it and tried to fill the trench with dirt, but the dirt was frozen and too hard to dig. I recommend that the Forest Service use heavy equipment to fix the road. The location is 34.298355 - 116.986148

We left this area and passed traffic coming the other way. At the intersection with Holcomb creek, I talked to two Toyota Drivers who had spent the night on Holcomb because it was blocked by another vehicle. They had to winch to get out. After the rest of the crew caught up we continued north on 3N14. Several members stayed at the intersection and cleaned up some of the trash. We continued cleanup until we got to a shooting area where Kevin suggested that we go in and clean it up. As you can see from most of the pictures, we cleaned a lot. We filled the back of Tim's Gladiator with bags of trash and other items shot up. We continued and ate lunch at the entrance to Big Pine Flat Campground Entrance at 12:00. 3 Jeeps led by Mark Ogaz turned around to go run Holcomb Creek. That left us with 7 4x4's to finish the AAT. As we progressed, we passed a Chevy Pick-up with the hood up in the middle of a large puddle. There were several vehicles there to help him. As we moved farther, we found an older Toyota pickup stuck in the middle of a puddle about 20" deep. He had several other vehicles and a tow strap getting him out. He had been there overnight. We continued to the end of 3N14 where everyone decided to leave thru the desert to the north. Since Kevin was familiar with the area, he led us out to air up. 5 of us went west to the 15 and Kevin and Tim went east.

Keith and Glenn have now met their Adopt A Trail requirement to join IE4W. I want to thank everyone for showing up for the AAT run. We did a total of 46.25 hours of service for the Forest Service.

Robin Reed

Getting Ready



Air Down to smoothe the ride



Culvert road washing out Location: 34.298355 -116.986148

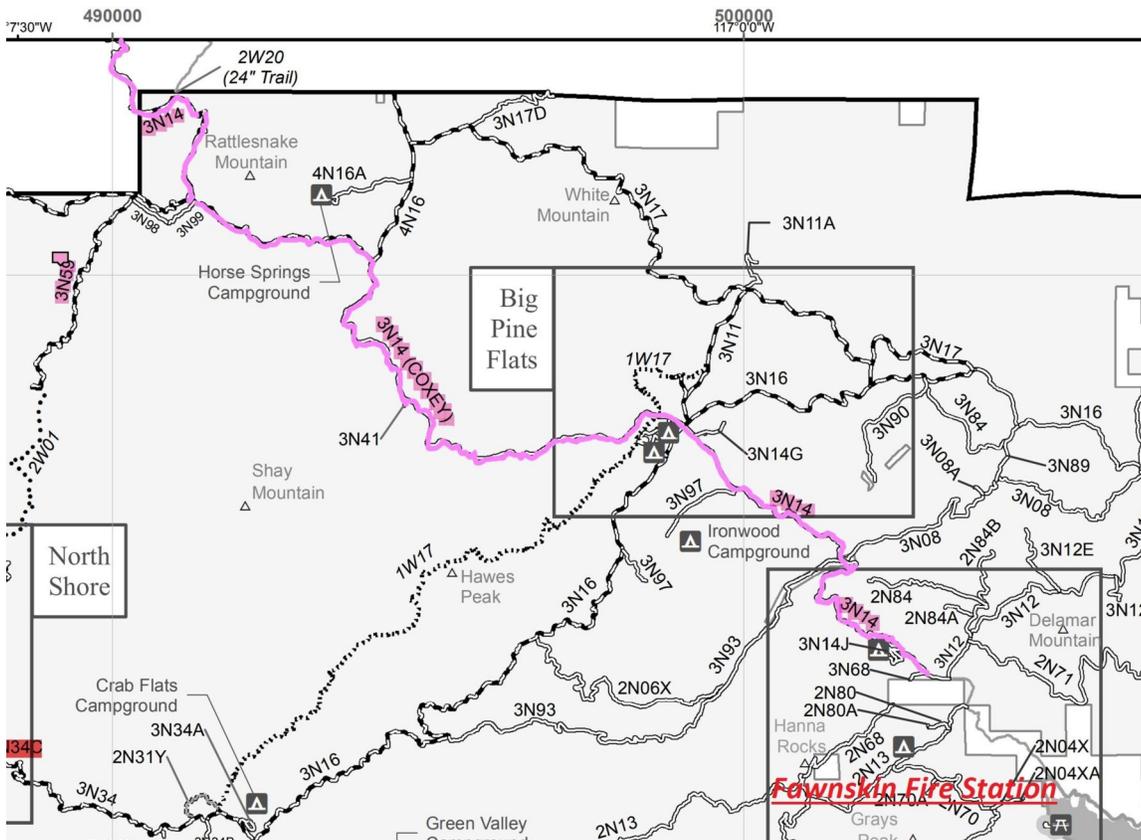
Trip Reports



Future IE4W Member Glenn



Teamwork



FUTURE RUNS and EVENTS

Calico Run

February 5—6, 2022

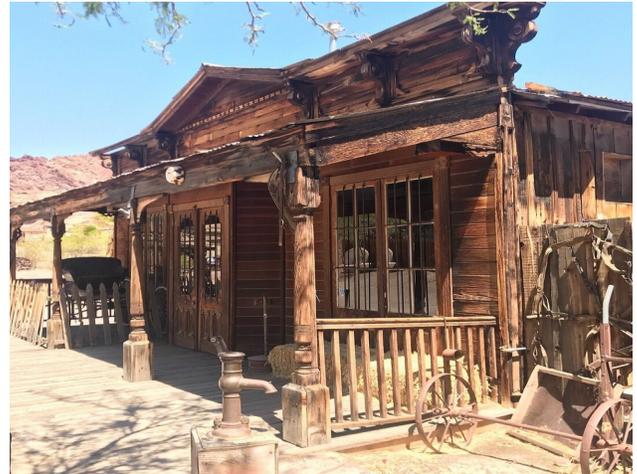
Calico Campground

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.”



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

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/invo...a/?recid=20686>

Lots of movies were filmed in this area.

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

<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/c...ka-canyon-road>

Pot luck Saturday night. Please let me know if you are camping or staying in the hotel.

Also let me know what you are bringing to the pot luck.

Veterans Car Show - October 15, 2022

Elks Lodge—Redlands

IE4W will need 10 volunteers to help coordinate parking and assist in other areas as needed. Please, show your support for our Veterans and sign-up to volunteer.



FUTURE RUNS and EVENTS

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

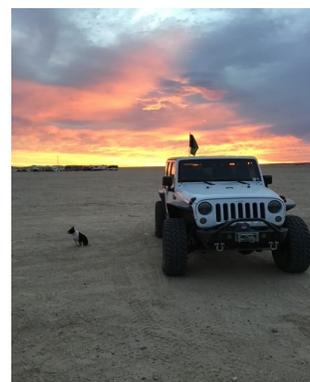
Buckskin Mountain State Park phone number is 877-697-2557. You can also google the Buckskin Mountain State Park for more info.

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

Ron Fleming



Superstition Mountain 2022—Photos



IE4W Minutes for January 6th, 2022

Pledge of Allegiance led by:
Bobby Holly

Introduction of Guest:
Richard Spears
Glenn Tetley

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

Motion by: Mark Ogaz
Second by: Robin Reed 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 \$31,638.96

Motioned by: Robin Reed
Second by: Russ Deer
Approved by: All

Vice President & Land & Use Report: Ron Fleming
Advised group to sign the Forest Service release

Committee Chair Reports::

Merchandise: Mike Anderson – Merchandise brought in tote for purchase.

Newsletter: Karen Henry – Reminder to trail leaders to get trail info and pics in so they can make the newsletter. Please email in word doc.

Membership: - Bill Bem – Guests can bring packets to him and get signed for meetings. Recently received interest from emails and invited to meeting and round up.

Hospitality: Karen Henry – very hospitable

Forest Fest: Mike Ewing – Currently discussing location option with the Big Bear Mountain Resort.

Round Up: - Bob Peterson – Will be held at Graziano's on Jan 11th. Bob is bringing the articulation ramp.

Adopt A Trail: Robin Reed – Forest Service has asked for help on 3N14.

Historian: Bobby Holley – Fun article about the addiction to the never ending modifications Jeep owners enjoy.

Website: Teri Patterson – Nothing new to report

Safety: Jerry Burgess (via Bill Henry)– Spare Tires

Discussion on "oversized" wheel and tire on stock tailgate.

Report on Past Runs: Kevin Rice

Rice-Crowbar, 12/4

Ewing-Truckhaven, 12/30-1/2

Future Runs: Kevin Rice

Reed-AAT, 1/9

Ogaz-Superstition Mtns, 1/14-16

Rice-Dishpan, 1/29

Peterson-Calico 2/4-5

Ogaz-Owens Valley, 5/19-22

Future Events:

Oct 15th Veterans car show-needs 10 volunteers



Meeting Minutes

Old Business:

La Sierra Fire- follow up interest in having a demo for a group to go to location to service, dispose, or upgrade fire Extinguisher's.

New Business:

BBFF location at Big Bear Mountain Resort in June is pending with details coming soon.

Sheriff's Report: Bill Henry – \$16

- colors
- Tardy
- Flag
- breakdown

Raffle: 50/50 \$92

Meeting Close

Motion by: Russ Deer

Second by: Ron Fleming

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:19pm

Motioned Passed All

Respectfully Submitted by: Jennifer Ewing
IE4W Secretary



PLEASE DON'T FORGET ABOUT YOUR VALENTINE!

VALENTINES DAY ~ MONDAY FEBRUARY 14TH

CLASSIFIEDS

By: Bill Henry

I am posting this with a heavy heart.

As much as I love working on my Jeep, adding stuff and maintaining it, getting those tires rolling and spending time off-roading every weekend... it has taken a toll and takes up too much of my time and I am struggling to keep up with the everyday basics such as cleaning and maintaining my home, so something has to give. I will be selling my equipment and miscellaneous materials.

Please don't ask any questions, as I would rather not talk about it.

Below is a list of what is available, All prices are negotiable within reason. Serious inquiries only, please.

Thanks for reading and understanding.

Bill

1. Dust pan and broom
2. Sponges
3. Dusters
4. Mop & bucket
5. Window cleaner
6. Vacuum
7. Dishwashing liquid
8. Laundry detergent
9. Fabric softener
10. Laundry baskets
11. toilet brush
12. Cleaning sprays
13. Scrubbing brushes



Grandma's Waffle Cookies

1 ½ lbs. real butter (6 sticks) room temp
3 C sugar
4 eggs
2 tsp baking powder
1 tsp salt
1 T vanilla extract
8 C flour (added 4 C at a time)

Beat butter, then beat in sugar and eggs.
Whip in dry ingredients, add flour last.
Shape into balls the size of a large walnut.
Bake in heated waffle maker 2-3 minutes until lightly browned.
Carefully remove with 2-pronged fork and spatula.
Cool on rack.

Recipe courtesy of Peggy Ogaz



dreamstime.com

TP: "C"