

# 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!

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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.**



## 2N01 Trail Clean-up

### Adopt-A-Trail



Thank you Inland Empire 4 Wheelers (IE4W) club for a successful clean-up of an illegal dumpsite on 2N01. Removing 12 tires, over 30 bags of trash, and took great care in separating recycling.

Later that day helping SCMF clean-up an illegal encampment taking over 5 truck loads to the Dump.



**BIRTHDAY'S**

Jacob Holley  
Kathy Burgess  
Kim Ruiz

October 8th  
October 12th  
October 28th

# CELEBRATE!

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Larry and Cheri McRae  
Mary and Peggy Ogaz

October 4th  
October 22nd

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY TO ALL!**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Presidents Message:

The New Officers that will be installed this month at our meeting on October 13 th are:

Pres: Tom Thompson

Treasurer: Karen Henry

VP: Robin Reed

Secretary: \_\_?\_\_

We are still looking for someone to fill the Secretary position. Any Volunteers?

We had a Round-Up with 3 potential new members where we looked over their Jeeps which should fit in with our club. They have already done improvements and are on their way to having some capable 4x4's. You can learn more under the Round-Up at Graziano's Tuesday September 13th post in forums.

Jim, thanks for stepping up to be the run coordinator.

Bobby, thanks for planning a run this month.

Bring your good ideas of how we can increase our membership. Karen's Duck-Duck-Jeep seems to be working. Thanks to all who showed up for The "Celebration of Life for George Stauber". It was a tribute to all that George did over the years. I didn't know that he made wooden toys for underprivileged kids. Kay, our hearts are with you.

Robin Reed  
Interim IE4W President

# ROUND-UP

Round-Up  
September 13, 2022

Round-Up 2022-09-13

Thank you all who showed up. It was fun bantering about tire sizes. We had several new Guests which made it fun.

Lewis Matlock and family are on their way to becoming members. He is cautious with a very capable Jeep. John showed up with his 08 2 dr JK which he has already done several things to make it robust. He has done the work himself and it really looks clean.

Rod showed up in his 97 Red TJ. Randy really liked it and looked it over.

We discussed Bill's Run this coming Saturday Night, and the Guests were asking him questions on the requirements.

In attendance were: Guests listed above plus:

Randy

Jim

Robin

Karen & Bill

Sherie & Tom





# Trip Reports

Gold Mountain—Night Run

Saturday, September 15, 2022

Leader: Bill Henry with John Hoyos (Grandson)

Members:

Robin Reed

Bob and June Berg

Guests:

Lewis Matlock with Melissa; Joshua; Maddie and Summer

Keith Chann and Amanda Chann

John Huggins

Report:

Five (5) rigs met at the Lowes parking lot in Highland for a short tailgate dinner and meet and greet. We left the parking lot at 6:30pm heading up Hwy 330. On the way we found our visitor John Huggins waiting for us, now we are a party of six (6). Topped of fuel at Valero in Arrow Bear. We arrived at the trailhead, aired down and had our drivers meeting.

We arrived at the first obstacle, before conquering the first obstacle I had my grandson, John, get behind the wheel. All rigs made quick navigation up the obstacle. We continued through the second obstacle which gave us all a bit of a challenge except for Robin who had quite a fight. The remainder of the trail was challenging at dark but, still a lot of fun.

Other than the fight Robin had with the second obstacle the night was without issues or breakage.

We arrived at the air up site, and completed the run at 11:30pm, where a treat of Little Debbie's was given to all by Robin Reed! Thank you Robin.

Bill Henry





# *Safety Report*

## *By Jerry Burgess*



### **Hitch Pin Recovery – Part 2**

Last month we covered the use of a “Drop Hitch” disaster that canNOT be repeated. During the conversation, Jim Patterson suggested the use of a Hitch pin in the “Hitch Receiver” to hold the loop of a recovery strap instead of using the “Drop Hitch”. I was not sure without doing some research first – (to better understand the concept) before providing a discussion here = With some restrictions.

Receiver Hitches are divided into Classes - As shown below.

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>Fastened to:</b>	<b>Pull Wt. / Tongue Wt.</b>	<b>Tube Size:</b>	<b>How Used:</b>
<b>I</b>	Bumber, Pan, Frame	2,000 / 200	1-1/4”	(WC)
<b>II</b>	Bumper or Frame	3,500 / 300	1-1/4”	(WC)
<b>III</b>	Frame Only	6,000 / 600	2”	Weight Carrying (WC)
<b>III</b>	Frame Only	10,000 / 1,000	2”	Weight Distributing (WD)
<b>IV</b>	Frame Only	10,000 / 1,000	2”	(WC)
<b>V</b>	Frame Only	12,000 / 1,200	2-1/2”	(WC)

So, after reviewing the types of Receiver Hitches (hereafter called a Hitch), I would first check to see that the Hitch assembly is in fact attached to the frame (Type III – V) and being 2 inch square or larger. Use a recovery strap with the appropriate Hitch Pin that can be secured into the Hitch... You can use a Hitch to pull up to the weights that are listed in the chart above as the pull weights for that class of Hitch. When you pull through the Hitch, you should keep the pull angle as close to being “In Line” with the Hitch so the vehicle can roll with the pull. Avoid pulling at a 45 degree angle or more out of the Hitch as this can side load the Hitch and stress the pull line across the sharp end of the Hitch opening. Pulling to the side will add to the recovery effort as the wheels are not going to track in line with the recovery line direction.

When possible, use designed recovery devices that are meant to be used in a Hitch. As a last resort or for not having a device to use in the Hitch, you can consider using the information above to decide whether or not to use the method above in a recovery effort. Please remember to evaluate and consider possible consequences in all recovery efforts and please use the safest methods for personal protection of everyone located at your recovery site.

Jerry Burgess  
Safety Chairman





# FUTURE RUNS and EVENTS

## 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.



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## Butler Peak Run— Sunday, October 16, 2022

We will meet at the Fawnskin Fire Station parking lot at 8:00 am and leave at 8:30 am. Suggested requirements are any four-wheel drive vehicle.

For those who want to continue after Butler Peak, we will run Holcomb Creek. Suggested requirements are high ground clearance, a minimum of 33-inch tires, and one locker.

Bobby Holley

# 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.



Round-up, Tuesday, October 11th 2022

Graziano's Pizza Restaurant  
1080 E. Washington St.  
Colton, CA 92324



**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

