

# Low Range Ramblin'

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## Inland Empire 4 Wheelrs



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### WHO IS IE<sub>4</sub>W?

The 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 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!

## IE4W ROUNDUP

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.

From the North, take the Washington Street exit off the Southbound 215 freeway and turn left at the light. From the South, take the Washington Street exit and make two left turns over the freeway. Graziano's is located on the left between McDonald's and Del Taco.

The IE4W Roundup is held the 2nd Tues. of each month from 6-9 PM, at:

Graziano's Pizza Restaurant

1080 E Washington St.

Colton, CA 92324

(909) 824-2770

Please see the club calendar for details.



### 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

# President's Corner

## President's Message For April, 2023

Dear members of the Inland Empire 4 Wheel'rs community,

As we move into the month of April, I want to take a moment to reflect on the loss of one of our own, Dick Gervais, who passed away recently. Dick was a long-time member of our club and a dedicated off-roader. He will be missed by all who knew him, and our thoughts and condolences go out to his family during this difficult time.

On a similarly somber note, I also want to update you on the condition of Kevin Rice, another member of our community who has been battling an illness. Kevin has been a valued member of our club for many years and we are all pulling for him as he fights through this difficult time. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers as he continues his journey towards recovery.

In the midst of these challenges, I am heartened by the resilience and camaraderie of our community. I have no doubt that we will continue to come together to support each other and pursue our shared passion for off-roading.

As we look ahead to the rest of the month, I encourage you to stay involved in our club's activities. We have some exciting events and trips planned for the coming weeks, and I hope to see as many of you as possible out on the trails.

Thank you all for your ongoing support of the Inland Empire 4 Wheel'rs. Let's continue to come together as a community and keep the spirit of off-roading alive.

Best regards,

Tom Thompson, President



**Upcoming Events**  
**April - Red Canyon, Godwin Jeep Trail**

## Minutes of IE4W Business Meeting March 2, 2023

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sherie Thompson.

Welcome to the IE4W 4x4 business meeting.

We had no guests.

### Secretary's Report

Motion to accept August meeting minutes made by Teri Patterson and seconded by Cindy Coffin. Vote was all ayes.

Treasurer's Report by Karen Henry. We have \$29,212.10 in the bank. Paid \$226 for storage and \$19 for Mastercard processing. Discussion followed about whether we should pause the credit card processing machine.

### Vice President and Land Use Report by Robin Reed.

Robin nothing to report on Adopt A Trail.

CORVA discussed wind farms tacking over the land and a phone app to track legislation in Sacramento.

### Committee Chair Reports

Merchandise Report – Mike Anderson was there with merchandise.

Newsletter – Teri Patterson was thanked for doing the newsletter.

Membership – Bill Bem - all is good.

Hospitality – Sherie Thompson – nothing to report.

Round Up – Was held February 14, 2023. Five people attended.

Adopt A Trail – No news.

Historian – Bobby Hollie not present.

Website – Teri Patterson All good

## Board of Directors

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Scholarship – (We need a new Scholarship Chairperson) No volunteers. Scholarship postponed.

Safety — Jerry Burgess talked about pole gates. When the gate is partially open, they are hard to see. A partially open gate decapitated a woman at Arches National Park. Jerry also gave a presentation on Faraday cages. Keyless entry fobs can be cloned, A Faraday cage can prevent that.

Break

Report on Past Runs

Jim Patterson reported on Randy's Calico Run.

Future Runs Jim Patterson Trail Coordinator.

March Club Run – Chaun Goldberg Old Dale Mining District on March 11<sup>th</sup> with a pre-run on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Maybe April 8<sup>th</sup> Run - Red Canyon, Orocopia Jeep Trail, Godwin Jeep Trail.

Future Events

Next Meeting is on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Storage is going up from \$226 per month to \$248 per month.

We should rethink Forest Fest as a one day event

Sheriff's Report: Bill Henry

Tom Thompson was not fined for being deaf. He had his hearing tested and is getting hearing aids. Fines were Robin for the Gatekeeper on Doran Canyon, Jerry for a lose shock, Chaun for colors, Bill Bem phone, Karen Henry phone and Bill Henry fined himself for forgetting his sheriff's hat.

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Made by Sherie Thompson seconded by Teri Patterson. All but Bill were in favor.

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# APRIL 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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3	4	5	6 CLUB MEETING	7	8	9
10	11	12 ROUND UP	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

**\*\*NOTE FROM EDITOR:** Please send any information, trail reports and pictures to the editor @ [newsletter@ie4w.com](mailto:newsletter@ie4w.com) or [webmaster@ie4w.com](mailto:webmaster@ie4w.com) This is the only way to make your Newsletters thrive.

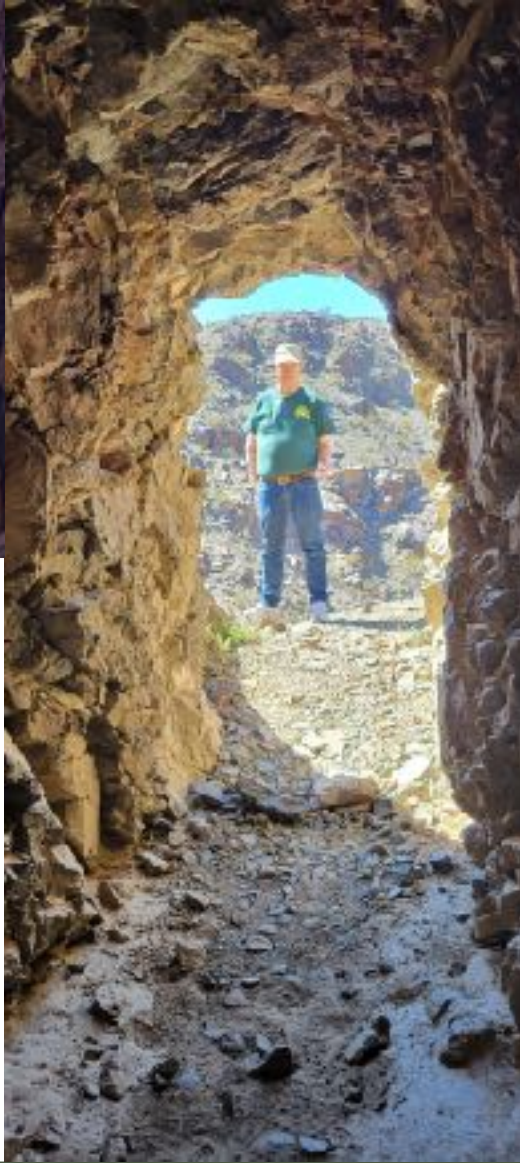
# Dale Mining District trip. (no report submitted)

Pictures by Jerry and Robin











## Maps Not Finding You *By Jerry Burgess*

Back in the day, if you wanted to travel off road to a destination (my dad did), he'd send away for a Quadrangle map from the United States Geological Survey (USGS). That map divided the United States into areas or quadrangles bounded by lines of latitude and longitude and was very accurate. Google maps are accurate like this. However, there are other map makers that fail to produce reliable maps. Some roads may show on a map that don't really exist in the real world. Also, the digitizing of information from sources within reliable agencies like the County Recorder's records is spoiled when inappropriate "data handling" bumbles the truth and fouls the info in a way that misrepresents the truth.

**Example:** My home is in the official records correctly, and it always has been correct. BUT, the Fire Department couldn't find the fire behind my house because they went to the wrong house – not mine. The Sheriff's department rang my bell wanting to know if my home was ok as my alarm was going off. Sorry, it's the wrong location. And my insurance rep wanted to know if I wanted extra insurance coverage for my swimming pool. I don't have a pool. Door-Dash type deliveries would fly past my house to the other end of the street and then creep back up to my house to make the delivery. I couldn't understand why. They said - well that's where your address on the map is. When they drive there, the physical addresses don't match so they eventually find my address that is on the curb and on the house.

I discovered the problem was, as explained above, when data of 7 homes in 1 parcel map page were swapped with the other 7 homes on the other side of the street in the next parcel page, we had 14 homes mis addressed on the map. That map is open sourced as "OpenStreetMaps" (OSM) in the public domain and is controlled by citizens who want to contribute to the mapping of their community. This map is free or much less than the Google maps, so many people or companies default to using OSM. Now, whether you are at home or out in the world. Remember that help might not arrive when you expect due to unreliable mapping, especially when the help you called may be using a free incorrect map. I'm not saying your digital map or printed map is in error, but I edit on OSM and I personally correct a lot of problems that I locate in my community. Be Careful, Be Aware of this at home and on the trails.

IF you find a Google address error follow instructions at:  
<https://support.google.com/maps/answer/10010575>





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not wheeled  
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yet  
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Wheeled  
a bit  
steering ok  
jeep wave

## JEEP WAVE

## THE UNTOLD STORY

Experienced  
some shimmy  
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Jeep Wave

Don't hate!  
Just trying  
to keep it on  
the road,  
death wobble  
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