

LOW RANGE RAMBLIN'

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A PUBLICATION OF: INLAND EMPIRE 4 WHEELERS



Meeting Location To Be Determined. We will also stream it via Zoom for those not comfortable meeting in person.

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WHO IS IE4W?

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!

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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

633 New York St.

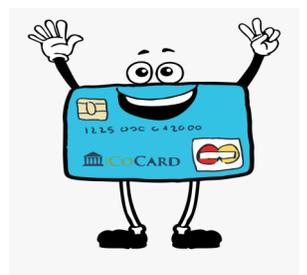
Redlands, CA 92374

All are welcome

Please be considerate with noise when congregating in front of and in the club house.



Did you forget your cash for Merch or Raffle? Visit Karen as we now take Credit Cards.



January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Marvin McQuown	9
10	11	12	13	14 Derek Rist	15 Bo Parham	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Bill Henry	23
24	25 Cheri McRae	26	27	28 Bryan Harris	29 Randy Stock- berger	30
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Please go to IE4W forums to read trail leader messages, run descriptions, meeting places, and minimum requirements.

Upcoming Events

Jan 14-17 Superstition Mountain Mike & Jen Ewing

Jan ?? Presidents Run Mark Ogaz

Feb 19-21 Calico Bob Peterson

March 5-13 Moab, Utah Todd Vargason



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

George & Kay Stauber

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Ken & Cindy Ehlers '10

Derek & Bridget Rist '13

Of all the paths
you take in life



make sure a few
of them are dirt

Safety Report

By Jerry Burgess



Air Lifting?

Last month a suggestion was made to look at alternative methods of lifting your vehicle to change a flat or damaged tire. The air-bag suggestion was researched and I found different versions of the same principle packaged by a number of sellers. Essentially, this method employs a large nylon / plasticized PVC air bag, some with different layer counts and reinforcements, (depending on manufacturer). The primary method of inflation is by your rig's exhaust gas being diverted from the tailpipe via a coupling device on a tube that feeds into the airbag. An air bottle or compressor can be used, however one manufacturer who advertised this, also said an air compressor was "not recommended" in the Q&A. One reviewed product is exclusively charged by compressed air, not exhaust, so a compressed air source is required.

One seller offered a "kit" which included air bag patching material, gloves, and carry bag. While researching, I found an interesting note: "the exhaust must not have any holes, spot-welded chrome extensions or gas leaks otherwise it will not be able to build up enough pressure to inflate the bag and lift the vehicle". Also, dual exhaust needs to be plugged on one side if the pipes have a cross over, and the chrome extensions mentioned above also may have a turn down that won't sit squarely in the air bag adapter cone. I saw only one bag that had a safety valve to prevent over inflation and bursting as the majority were equipped with only inlet and release valves.

Safety Report

By Jerry Burgess

Funny (as in peculiar) that I can't find online instructions on use or placement, written directions, warnings, user reviews, or technical application info on a majority of the products. I can see that one site was questioned on the capacity – whether it was the weight support or bursting limit of the bag (9,000 lbs). SO, in my summary, It appears that the product is just a nylon or PVC coated woven type material shaped into cylindrical balloon. These do not contain an internal air bladder like an inner tube. The maximum bag air pressure is about 10 PSI, lifting starts around 8 PSI. Forums talk about the products and it appears that the product does what it says, but I also read about seam bursting and some other failures with lots of warnings about sharp or hot parts that damage the material. The bag needs to be protected at the top with a protective mat and works well on soft sand or snow. ALWAYS stay out from under a supported vehicle without jack stands being used. Chock the wheels to prevent rolling of the raised vehicle. Lastly, I can't find any USA safety approvals on this device. Use common sense and be Safe.

Name	Capacity	Lift Ht	Bag Wt	Cost	Seller
Takla	5000 lbs.	30 Inches	Not Stated	\$282.00	(South Africa)
Aircrane	4000 lbs.	30 Inches	14 Lbs.	\$379.00	Front Runner
Bushranger Inflatable X-Jack	8800 lbs.	30 Inches	Not Stated	\$257.45	ARB-4WP- (Australia)
Speedmaster	8800 lbs.	30 Inches	35 Lbs.	\$170.00	JEGS
Mean Mother Exhaust Jack	9000 lbs	30 Inches	Not Stated	\$153.00	ExtreemTerrain
TLV 4x4 Jack	9200 lbs.	29 Inches	14 Lbs.	\$50.00 + \$80 Shipping	Alibaba (China)



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.



The IE4W Roundup is held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. 6:00—9:00pm Watch the forums for updates for changes or cancellations.

Graziano's Pizza Restaurant

2080 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

Trip Reports

Gold Mountain, Little John Bull, John Bull,
Holcomb Creek 12-5-2020—Kevin Marcus

Members: John & Ming Lezkus

Quest: Kevin & Felycia Marcus, Per Mogensen and Susan Priess

We had a small turnout of only three Jeeps, but we ended up having a great day. We decided to start at Gold Mountain and meet at the trailhead and leave from there. By the time we were getting to leave (9am) two groups had shown up with over a dozen vehicles. The first group was mixed set of stock Toyota trucks and 4Runners that were going to attempt the trail. They started out with the new gate keeper and it took them about 20 minutes to get two vehicles through it. They let us go around them and start the trail. Believe it or not that was the first and last vehicles we saw on the trails all day.



We all made it through Gold Mountain fairly quick and then headed down to run Little Bull. We got through little bull with no issues and headed over to John Bull. It was really surprising to see absolutely no one there. We picked our lines and headed up the trail. Per (a friend of John and Ming's from FMCA) started noticing issues with his transfer case knocking but kept chugging through. We were making such good time that we decided to have an early lunch by the Mound at the end of John Bull. After lunch, being still so early, we decided to head over and run Holcomb Creek as well.



We did have to stop a few times on the way there as Per was having more difficulty getting the Jeep in and out of 4WD. By the time we got to the West end of the trail at the rock garden, Per could no longer get the Jeep in 4WD, he decided to head back to camp and would not let us go with him. John, Ming, Felycia and Myself then continued on through Holcomb Creek. I have rarely run it this direction and it is amazing how different lines are going in different ways. We did make it through unscathed. I did manage to burp my first tire on this Jeep in the big creek passing. Slipped off a wet rock and wedged it. Luckily, I the tire did not de bead, just lost most of the air. I was able to quickly fill it up and get out of the way in time for John to catch up to me in the garden. It was interesting to go through the creeks with water and ice this time. The gatekeeper on the East side was full of broken ice that looked and sounded like shards of glass when driving over them. All in all, we had a great time running all four trails on Saturday. This is not something you can do all the time due to the amount of people usually on the trails, but I think everyone stayed home on Saturday.



John followed up with me the following day to let me know that Kevin Rice and Per were able to fix the Jeep and get it running again. They believe that when he had the new engine installed they did not properly torque the bolts from the transfer case to the transmission allowing them to loosen as well as break one off. This was causing the transfer case to move and bind the linkage and bang against the skid plates causing the noise we originally heard early on the trail. I am glad they were able to fix it and get him back on the trails the next day.



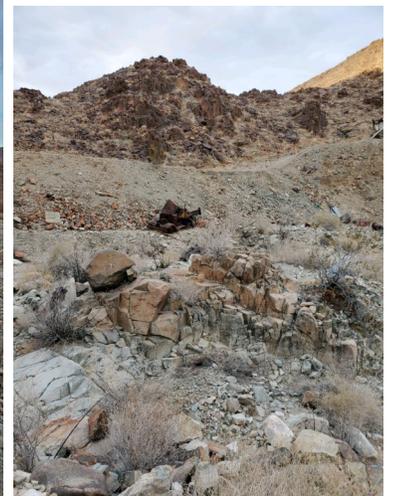
Overall, this was one of the best days on trails I have had in Big Bear in years!



Trip Reports

Joshua Tree National Park

Dani Goldberg 12/12/2020



IE4W Minutes: December 3rd, 2020



MEETING MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Russ Deer

Introduction of Guest: Adam & Trina Cole; Kevin Marcus & Ali!

Welcome: Welcome to all!

Welcome to New Members:

Secretary's Report: Kay Stauber – ✓ Anything on minutes? Cindy Coffin had a question on BBFF & why it was not put in last month's minutes. My apologies! Will do so on the "Old Business" section!

Motion by: Ron Fleming

Second by: Loren Campbell to accept Minutes as Published.

Motioned Passed: ALL

Both Rosters will be passed around after the break! I gave everyone credit whoever was on Zoom & on any runs!

Fun Fact: "National Peppermint Latte Day!"

✓ Trail leaders fill out report & put on Forum Please!

Treasurer's Report: Karen Henry – Absent – Mark Ogaz gave the resport for Karen - started the month with \$41,376.86. She had no bills to pay!

Motioned by: Russ Deer

Second by: Tod Vargason

Approved by: ALL

Vice President & Land & Use Report: Robin Reed – Spoke about Jeep Jamboree and saying all went well & smooth.

Committee Chair Reports:

Merchandise: Mike Anderson – Said all is going well and hope to see all soon and be able to sell things in person.

Newsletter: Todd Vargason – Todd thanked all that turned in their reports (Mike Ewing & Teri Patterson) & hope all in the future do the same.....

Membership: - Peggy Ogaz – Welcomed all people and hope all of us can get together soon.

Hospitality: Karen Henry – Absent

Forest Fest: - Cindy Coffin is stepping down from the BBFF Chair & will need someone to take over Will be in the "Old Business" Section regarding what was talked about on BBFF.

Round Up: - Bob Peterson – Wanted to put off Round-Up until the Pandemic passes, because there are not a lot of people showing, plus there is talk of places shutting down again. Will be talked about it in January's meeting....

Adopt A Trail: Ken Ehlers – Absent – No Report. Kenny will be stepping down from AAT, need someone else to take it over.

Historian: Bobby Holley – Absent

Website: Teri Patterson – All is going well and she is posting all things on the Website.

Scholarship: Mike Ewing – Got the information from Tim Kemp & things should be submitted May 3rd, 2021.

Safety: Jerry Burgess – Spoke about Lug Nuts. The article is in the Newsletter & on the Forum.

Donations to other Organizations: Chaun Goldberg - Absent

Raffle Tickets 50/50 - None

Report on Past Runs: Both Teri Patterson & Mike Ewing spoke about the runs for Thanksgiving. All in all every thing went well and all had a great time.... Also, in the Newsletter on the Forum.

Future Runs: Kevin Rice - Absent

Dec. 12th, 2020 – Chaun & Dani Goldberg – Joshua Tree/Old Mining Trail. Meeting up at 9:00 @Cottonwood Visitor’s Center, next to the South entrance of the park!

Mark Ogaz – is also talking about doing a President’s Run

January 14th – 18th, 2021 – Mike & Jennifer Ewing - Truck Heaven/Glamis –

February 19th – 21st, 2021- Bob Peterson – Calico

Future Events: Christmas Party has been cancelled!

Congratulations to Kevin Rice for “Trail Leader of the Year” & George Stauber for “Tail Gunner of the Year”

Old Business: “Big Bear Forest Fest” was talked about once again regarding if it is going to happen. Still up in the air and will be discussed in January’s Meeting rather to cancel it for June 2021! Possibility if it does happen, there will only be (100 Jeeps) & 4 groups of 25 or 5 groups of 20 on the trails. No Food, just camping & runs. Again, will be talked about in January’s Meeting.....

*****Elks Lodge providing dinner – Chairperson – Chaun & Dani Goldberg - Absent**

New Business:

Sheriff’s Report: Bill Henry – Absent – Mark Ogaz stated that Bill said there are no fines, etc. Bill Henry also said, he would pay a Fine for not being at the December’s Mtg.

Motion by: Peggy Ogaz

Second by: Robin Reed

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:05 p.m.

Motioned Passed: ALL

Respectfully Submitted by: - Kay Stauber
IE4W Secretary



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