

# 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.**





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy July Friends!

What a month it has been here at IE4W! Thank you to all who made it out to our club's AAT run where we were able to repair several culverts, clean up a truckbed's worth of trash and identify an illegal dump site along 2n01. The club's report can be found inside this month's issue of Low Range Ramblin and it's incredibly detailed thanks to the efforts of Jerry and Robin allowing us to inform the Forest Service about areas of need along this trail.

Speaking of Jerry Burgess, his historical run to Holcomb Valley was one for the ages and like many of you, I learned so much about the history of Big Bear and surrounding areas from this great run. Thank you Jerry!

While our club has seen its fair share of recent challenges, we are also incredibly blessed with a passionate group of individuals devoted to the maintaining of off-road trails and the continued stewardship of this club going forward. Tonight, we will select several new board members for our beloved club and my hope going forward were the words of our club historian, Bobby Holley who most eloquently described what we are. "IE4W is a family oriented 4 Wheel Drive club, formed for the enjoyment and preservation of 4 wheeling. IE4W is a non-profit organization and was formed in 1964 IE4W welcomes all enthusiasts and we promote a safe, friendly 4 wheel drive recreation among others who share the common interest."

Happy Trails,

Tim Kemp



# Trip Reports

## MOTINO WASH RUN

June 28, 2022

Kevin Rice

John and Elsa Dunlap

Kevin Marcus

It was a beautiful day on the mountain. We met up at the top of 2N01. Kevin Rice, Kevin Marcus, and John and Elsa Dunlap. Got aired down and headed down to Burns Canyon Rd, right to Rattlesnake. Went down and made the turn into the trail. Got past the gate and got stopped behind another group. John and Elsa decided that they would turn around and go back out the way we came. Kevin and I watched the entertainment on the next 2 obstacles. After they were done, we went right through it. We passed them near the top finished the trail. Back to Burns and out 2N01. Got to the Hwy and helped John air up. A good run.

Kevin Rice

IE4W Trail Boss





# Trip Reports

## 2N01 Adopt-A-Trail by IE4W on June 12<sup>th</sup> 2022

7 4x4's met at the trail head at the intersection of Hwy 38 and 2N01 at 8:30am. We signed forms and had a drivers meeting discussing the trail cleanup. Those in attendance were:



Bill and Rachel Bem

Jerry Burgess

Bryan Alexandor

Jeff Riley and Kim

Tim Kemp

Bobby Holley

Robin Reed



We proceeded to clean the area around the trail head.



The first stop was just beyond the trail head where we found several sheets of rotten plywood.





We proceeded down the trail picking up a few bottles and cans and Jerry spotted a closed side trail that someone had gone down, so He checked it and found too much trash for us to pick up. Someone had started a dump site.





Dump Site photo 1 -20220612\_101842



Dump Site Photo 2 - 20220612\_101937





Then we moved on to some drainage repairs.







Drainage 3 - BEFORE



Drainage 3 - AFTER









Jeff and Tim found a downed sign and proceeded to upright it.



We stopped to eat a quick lunch at the intersection of 2N01 and 2N02 and then headed back up 2N01 to Air Up and head home at 2:30pm. Tim left down 2N02 since it was quicker to his house.

I want to thank all who attended and made it a successful run. I learned a lot and Jerry Burgess helped with the pictures and locations for the clean-up and drainage repairs.

I will submit this report to the forest service along with the sign up sheets.

Thanks,

Robin (IE4W AAT Coordinator)

# Trip Reports

## History Run - Names & Places

Run Report for the History Run - Names & Places held on June 26th 2022

In Attendance were:

Trail Leader - Jerry Burgess with co-pilot and "Fact Checker" Randy Stockberger

Tail = Kevin Rice with Guest Janice Ross

Jeff Riley and Kim Ruiz

John Dunlap and Elsa

Jim Patterson

Chaun and Dani Goldberg

Mike Anderson

Bobby Holley and Guest Wentrell McIntosh

Tim Kemp

Bill and Rachel Bem

Tom and Sherie Thompson

Guest Ron and Debra Mello

Guest Michael Mantor with Jeanette Placencia

Driver meeting at the Big Bear Discovery Center started around 0900 hours and following the instructions, we departed shortly after 0930 hrs. For those that were not in attendance, and are reading this report, our day trip would be described as easy and slow. We drove E/B 18 to 3N16 where we aired down, followed 3N16 to the area just east of John Bull (east entry) and headed South to Holcomb Valley for lunch. Following lunch, we used an old map to locate Bill Holcomb's Cabin, the road to the Tree of the Living Cross and then down Polique to air up and go home. There were 13 rigs total, 12 Jeeps and 1 Lexus.

The more interesting part would be the presentations on the radio. While driving this path, I covered the following people, names, and places: Dr. Ben Barton = Barton Flats / Barton Rd. ; Hiram Clark = Clark's Grade; George Eugene Butler = Butler Peak; Ally Carlin Keller = Keller Peak; Captain Joseph Raphael DeLamar = DeLamar mine and DeLamar Peak; Myron Crafts = Crafton Hills; his son George H. Crafts = So.Cal.Edison, Redlands Power = Crafts Peak; John Cushenbury; James Charles "Cactus Flats" Johnson; Edsel Stanfield = Stanfield Cutoff; as well as all the names of places that are based on incidents or names. Some of these were: Old Woman Springs; Bairdstown / Doble; Onyx Summit; Pipes Canyon; Sugarloaf; Moonridge; Dead Man's Ridge; Bally Horse Cyn; Boulder Bay; Fawnskin; Union Flat; Hanna Flat; and even many more with their connections and how they came about in history.

A few more questions came up about names, places. All questions were answered. What a great day to beat the heat with no mechanical issues. Thanks to everyone who attended, it was a pleasure.

Jerry Burgess





# ***Safety Report***

## ***By Jerry Burgess***



### How Long is a Tire “Safe”?

You buy tires, you get a tire hazard warranty. You have a known tire birthday recorded in the birth certificate on the side of each tire in the DOT Code. How long does the warranty last? How long do you drive on your tires? Probably in a pragmatic way, like the battery that expires in 5 years, you use the battery till you can't use it 7 years later. I had the same approach in my KM2 JK tires. I know they're not lacking tread, the sidewalls are good, and they're running smooth 10 years out. Russian Tire Roulette?

I noted the typical age related tire issue when it showed up on the AAT run where I noticed an oddity in the tire. I took it easy on the way home where I planned to swap the tire for the spare and was in the #3 SB 215 when the JK began to pull to the right then a L/F tire blowout. The JK was kept straight and driven to the emergency strip at 15 mph to the next off ramp where the spare was exchanged sooner than later.

Thinking I had a chance on my tire warranty at 4WP, it was denied due to the DOT expiration that cancelled out the warranty. SO, I bought 4 new tires and didn't challenge the ruling, but after researching, I find nothing that says this is true and chock it up to inside antics to save some \$\$\$. I needed tires.

#### **Tire Warranty Research Results:**

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/equipment/tires>

As tires age, they are more prone to failure. Some vehicle and tire manufacturers recommend replacing tires that are six to 10 years old, regardless of treadwear.

#### Costco:

**COVERED:** This warranty is valid for 60 months from the date of purchase, or until the tire reaches 1.6 mm (2/32 of an inch) or less in remaining tread depth regardless of age, whichever occurs first.

**NOT COVERED:** A tire that is damaged/failed due to off-road use

#### 4WParts:

**COVERED:** If your tire becomes unusable due to road hazard related mishaps and cannot be repaired, we will pro-rate the adjustment based upon the remaining, unused tread on the tire. We will apply the credit towards the new purchase if below 50%. If 50% and above you will receive full credit towards the replacement tire.

September 06, 2019 The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

#### **SECTION 1.**

Article 10 (commencing with Section 9889.30) is added to Chapter 20.3 of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code, to read:

#### **Article 10. Used Tires**

##### **9889.30.**

(a) (1) Subject to subdivision (b), an automotive repair dealer shall not install an unsafe used tire on a motor vehicle for use on a highway, as defined in Section 360 of the Vehicle Code.

I found no laws that require tires to be removed from service after a DOT expiration or time, nor any warranties that mention the DOT expiration. USE common sense and observation to determine the safety of your tires!



KM2 Blowout



## Forest Service Winch Training and Sign Repair AAT

There were 4 Forest Service people and 6 Volunteers at this event. Pretty sad showing of Volunteers. I did get some good time with the Forest Service people. We repaired 7 signs and 5 of us passed the winching class. Our interface for AAT is now Alexandria Sobida who is stationed in Big Bear. Stacey Wellman is out of the San Jacinto District.



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Winch Training:



## **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.





# FUTURE RUNS and EVENTS

Truck Haven

October 22nd

Bob and Karen Petterson



STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION



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 campsite 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

***Brief synopsis of IE4W June 2nd, 2022 meeting minutes. Official minutes forthcoming.***

**Pledge of Allegiance led by:** William Henry

Due to personal conflicts Mike Ewing, President, Ron Fleming Vice President, and Jennifer Ewing, Secretary resigned from their positions.

**Welcome to New Members:**

**Secretary's Report:** Members and guest asked to review minutes on Forums.

**Jolly facts fir July:**

- July was named after the famous Roman general Julius Caesar by the Roman senate.
  - On July 5<sup>th</sup> , 1946 the world's first bikini was unveiled in the famous Piscine Molitor swimming pool in Paris.
- July is also famous for National Watermelon month, National Hot Dog month and National Ice Cream month.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Karen Henry – started the month with \$28,597.23

**Vice President & Land & Use Report:**

**Committee Chair Reports:**

**Merchandise:** Available at club meetings, bring your \$\$\$, support the club and wear your colors!

**Newsletter:** Karen Henry – Thank you for getting their Run Reports in on time, much appreciated.

**Membership:** - Bill Bem - packets available, please see Bill if you have any questions.

**Hospitality:** Karen Henry – All if well.

**Round Up:** - Held monthly at Graziano's Pizza in Colton on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Come out and have dinner with other club members.

**Adopt A Trail:** **Robin Reed** – Great Adopt A Trail in June. For all the adventures please refer to past run reports in the July newsletter of on the Forums.

**Historian:** **Bobby Holley** – Report given from past adventures.

**Website:** **Teri Patterson** – Public Facebook page was updated.

**Scholarship:** No report at this time.

**Safety:** **Jerry Burgess** – Presented report and review on Safety Descent.

**Donations to other Organizations:** No discussion

**Break:**

**Report on Past Runs:**

Please refer to the June newsletter for Past Run reports at this time.

**Future Runs:** **Kevin Rice**

- Truck Haven October 22, 2022 – Bob and Karen Peterson

Thanksgiving at Parker November 25, 2022. Updates will be provided by Ron Fleming.

**Future Events:**

Veteran's Care Show October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Elks Lodge #583. The IE4W will be providing parking assistance.

**Old Business:** Deferred to Official Secretary report forthcoming.

**New Business:** Deferred to Official Secretary report forthcoming.

**Sheriff's Report:** **Bill Henry** – No fines to report

**Raffle Prizes:** Deferred to Official Secretary report forthcoming.

Synopsis of June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 Business meeting report presented by Karen Henry. Official secretaries report is forthcoming.



# 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, A\July 12,, 2022

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

IE4W's newest member, Glenn Tetley on the RT1 articulation ramp. Great job Glenn!





**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**

