

Low Range Ramblin'

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Inland Empire 4 Wheelrs

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WHO IS IE₄W?

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

Odd Numbered Months are the IE4W Social Event. Locations Change. 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

Summer is off to an excellent start. Our Trail Leaders and Tail Gunners have been doing an outstanding job leading club members and guests. With that in mind, you need to start thinking of your choice for Trail Boss and Tail Gunner of the year, who put their best foot forward and did an outstanding job.

Not only will we be choosing a new Board this September, we also have had a large group of committee leaders stepping down. The new board will be filling these vacancies, so please think about volunteering for the empty spots.

Hope to see many of you at the Summer Cool Down up in Wrightwood. Karen and I would like to hear from you if you plan on enjoying the cool mountain air on that day.

Bill Henry

President, IE4W

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July 2017 Business Meeting

Open Meeting:

Meeting called to order by Bill Henry at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Dick Gervais

Introduction of guests:

John and Lynda Kelly
 John Dunlap
 Greg Silver
 Craig Willcutt
 Robin Reed
 Keith Levefre

Minutes:

Minutes for June were approved as published

Reports:

Secretary's Report

Loren Campbell reviewed sign-in sheets and run totals

Treasurers report - Mike Moore

\$64,741.90 end of year numbers. Doesn't have final numbers as of yet.
 \$35,000 BBFF so far. Raffle net income was \$16,600. There were \$18,535 raffle tickets sold. Woo Hoo. Motion made my Mark Ogaz and seconded by Tom Thompson to pay BBFF bills. Motion passed.

Vice Presidents report and land use- Teri Patterson

Paul Cook introduced conservation bill HB 497 regarding Santa Ana River. Holcomb Creek Fire burned over 1,000 acres. Teri also has trail maps for members.

Merchandise report- Peggy Ogaz

BBFF 10 coffee mugs for sale. Also will put in order for new merchandise.

Newsletter - Char Hart

Char announced that September will be her last month for doing the newsletter. Looking for volunteer to take over and to let her know of any interest.

Board of Directors

President	Bill Henry president@ie4w.com
Past President	Loren Campbell ppresident@ie4w.com
Vice President	Teri Patterson vpresident@ie4w.com
Secretary	TBD, secretary@ie4w.com
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Club Merchandise	Peggy Ogaz house_chair@ie4w.com
Sheriff	George Biddlecombe sheriff@ie4w.com
Trail Boss	Mike Ortega trailboss@ie4w.com

Membership - Joe Martinez

Has new membership packages. Also if you need safety inspections, Jerry Burgess is present.

Hospitality - Barbara Bongiorno

Bill Henry spoke to Bob Hoskins who is having open heart surgery. Bonnie McNeil had surgery, Hospitality sent a bouquet of flowers.

Roundup - Jamie Duncanson

No roundup in June. July 11 will be at Grazianos.

Adopt a trail - Jim Miller

No report

Historian -Loren Campbell

No report

Website - Teri Patterson

Still up and running.

Scholarship - Mallory Jordan

Mallory stepping down. Need a volunteer.

Safety -Jerry Burgess

See him for inspections. Gave info on towing. Article in newsletter. Tony Nunnelly also added that tow bar should be level with the hitch.

Break time.

Refreshments provided by Bill and Rachel Bem. August refreshments to be provided by Todd Vargason.

Report on past events

Forest Fest - Dani Goldberg is taking over merchandise for BBFF.

and THANK YOU to Sharla Traylor for the excellent new recipes on the food. And thanks to all who put in a lot of time and effort to get it all done!!!

And Kevin gave "brief" reports on all of his runs.

Future runs:

Onyx Summit. Cindy Coffin. July 22. Meet at Bryant St ranger station at 9:00 am

Pismo - Bob Peterson. August 12-14

Randy's overnighiter - Randy.

Tom Thompson. Social Event. End of August. Beach Crawl.

Future events:

Summer cool down. Karen and Bill. August 19.

Old business:

Installation picnic. September 22-24

New business:

Loren Campbell. Suggested we make donation to Redlands Animal Shelter in Laura Hertel's name. Checks made out to RedFosa. Motion made by Chaun Goldberg for IE4W to double match donations. Motion carried.

Sheriffs Report - Jim Miller.

Numerous fines for being late, no colors, trail guides missing turn on Gold Mountain, and BBFF fines.

Raffle prizes

Provided by Sharla Traylor. August will be provided by Debbie Coffin

George Biddlecombe.

Give a few words about being a long time member of IE4W and that he is moving on to new adventures. George. You will be missed!!!!!!

Open Meeting Adjourned.

Closed session to follow

Submitted by Cindy Coffin, IE4W Interim Secretary

HOSPITALITY

The responsibility of the Hospitality Chair is to post Birthdays, Anniversaries to Yahoo Groups. Also, in the event of an illness, surgery or loss of a loved one, the Hospitality Chair person will send a card, flowers, or a yummy arrangement to the affected Club Member.

Please help to keep our Hospitality Chair in the loop. If you know of a Club Member who is ill, hospitalized, having surgery, or has suffered a loss- pass the word on.

Email: hospitality@ie4w.com

Life is tough, let's support our fellow Club Members through the obstacles.

AUGUST 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2	3 MEETING	4	5	6
7	8 ROUND UP Tammy Clay	9 Kim Harmon Mike Maxon & Mike Moore	10	11 PISMO	12 PISMO	13 PISMO
14 Mike Ortega	15	16	17	18 Boue Roller	19 Get Together	20 Jacquelin Sorcic
21	22 Dick Gervais Ron Burris	23	24 Sue Martel Rick & Tammy Clay	25 Jim Miller Steve & Amber Soliz	26 Terry & Bonnie McNeil	27
28 Mike & Monica Ortega	29 Loren Campbell Joe & Mary Muhs	30 Karen Peterson	31			

Upcoming Events
Pismo Beach.....August 11-13,2017
Summer Get Together...August 19, 2017
Randy's Overnighter...September 15-17, 2017
Installation Picnic....September 22-24,2017

****NOTE FROM EDITOR:** Please send any information, trail reports and pictures to the editor @ clubnewsletter@ie4w.com or your can send directly to @ cchart624@yahoo.com . This is the only way to make your Newsletters thrive.

Safety

Did You Know - Tires Expire in 6 Years?

After seeing some activity within our IE4W regarding “Tires”, I thought we should review some factors about tires that are relative from a more recent point of view. Whether it is the tire on your motorhome, 4x4, car, truck, or trailer, the manufacturer has provided you with a molded and permanent ‘Manufactured ON’ date code for each tire. Since the year 2000, the code is in the format of 4 digits, the first 2 are the week of the year of the last 2 digits for the year. So your code of “2817” can be read as the 28th WEEK of the YEAR ending in 17, or 2017. Start first by checking the date code on your tire to see how old your tire is.

Next, inspect your tires each time you get gas, before a trip, or use after being parked for a while. Factors beyond normal highway miles or “USE” can have a direct impact on the serviceability of your tire. The factors can be Air Pressure, Loading, Alignment, Balance, Damage from Road Hazards including rock and debris damage found on the trail, Recalls and TIME. Time according to <http://www.tiresafetygroup.com/tires-expire-in-six-years/> is:

“For most tires, this expiration date should be six years from the date of manufacture. Tires age dangerously because of a chemical process commonly referred to as oxidation, which simply means that as the tire components are exposed to oxygen, the oxygen particles cause the flexible components of a tire to harden and become brittle. Over time, the tire will simply fall apart under normal stress, just like an old rubber band. Because this process occurs naturally, it does not matter if a tire is being used, stored as a spare, or simply waiting on a store shelf for an unsuspecting consumer.” (W. H. Waddell, “Halobutyl Rubber Innerliners on Tire Performance,” presented at the International Rubber Conference, Beijing, China, September, 2004; Baldwin, John M., “Rubber Oxidation and Tire Aging – A Review,” February 2008.)

Know if your tires are recalled or beyond the expected life by their code before you take your family out on a drive! There is a free APP for both iPhone and Android at <http://www.tiresafetygroup.com/>

Jerry Burgess, IE4W Safety



Tire Facts Report	
Safety	
DOT Code	cx8yx7y4715
Age	1 year, 34 weeks old
This tire expires in: 4 Years, 10 Weeks	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Expired	
Recall Status	No recall
Manufacturing	
Made in	JAPAN
Manufacturer	Toyo Tire & Rubber Co, Ltd.
Location	Natori-City, Miyagi
Weather	
Standard Sizes:	
M-Metric	285/25R18

Fire Exploration Run July 2, 2017

Members:

Kevin Rice & Barbara Bongiorno, Trail Leaders
Loren Campbell, Cindy Coffin, Debbie Coffin, Craig & Char Hart and
Doug Russell, Tail Gunner

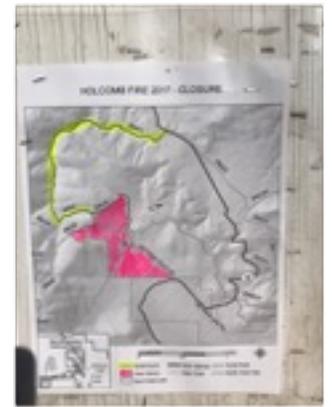
We met up at Thelma's restaurant in BBC.
enjoyed breakfast.

We left about 9. Took the hwy around Shay rd so you could see the width of
the fire. We got to the dump to air down. 3n16 was open and we went up to
Jacoby Canyon rd. Now closed and fenced indefinitely. Some pics and off to
3N02. You can see most of the burn area. We took it all the way to the closed
gate.

Turned around and went out to 3N10, right turn and off to John Bull. Had some fun at the gate and up to the
top for lunch. The trails are undamaged from the fire. After lunch we finished the trail and stopped at Holcomb
campground for a stop. Down 3N09 to the hwy. Aired up and off on our different ways.

A great and interesting day. Thanks everyone.

Kevin Rice, IE4W Member



RUBICON TRAIL CLUB RUN JULY 11-16, 2017

MEMBERS:

Tim Glider (trail leader)
 Sharla Traylor and Rubicon Rubi
 Chaun Goldberg
 Danyale Goldberg
 Debbie Coffin
 Cindy Coffin
 Morgan Hertel (tail gunner)



Tuesday, July 11th:

The group met at the Pilot Center in Castaic about 10:30 am. The 4 trucks with jeeps on trailers caravanned the 7+/- hours up north to Shingle Springs. We arrived at Tim's parents home in Shingle Springs, unpacked and then piled into 2 vehicles headed to the casino a few miles away for a buffet dinner. After dinner we drove back to the house, relaxed for a lil bit and turned in early.

Wednesday, July 12th:

Danyale helped me fix a french toast and bacon breakfast, then we departed about 7:45 am bound for Loon Lake. On our way to the gas station in Georgetown, we heard a grinding noise coming from the front brake of Tim's Jeep. While there, Cindy noticed metal shavings under it and Tim crawled under the jeep to investigate. It was discovered that he had lost a caliper bolt. So Tim, Chaun and Morgan drove down the street to an auto parts supplier who directed them to the back of the building to dig through a huge pile of bolts to find a match. A match was found and Tim had the bolt replaced in about 20 minutes. We were off. Side note: Tim had installed a Trump bobble head displaying a not-so-friendly hand gesture on the carrier of his jeep tire facing out so that the vehicle behind him had a clear view. Of course, Tim wanted Debbie and Cindy to be right behind him on the trail. But as fate would have it, Trump is not an off-road kind of guy. He succumbed to the hairy eyeball gazes from Debbie and Cindy and disappeared by the time we crossed the bridge into Loon Lake. Debbie likes to believe she ran him over, which to her credit, is likely the case. We met-up with Glen Meyer and his friend Bob from FMCA at Loon Lake. They both live in the area and were eager to be on the trail with us for the drive to Spider Lake.

We arrived at Spider Lake and set-up camp. Debbie tried to set up her tent on a picturesque rock overlooking the lake, but the winds were not cooperating. So down the hill she went to set up her tent with the rest of us. Dinner that night consisted of grilled tri tip, beef rice, corn on the cob and rolls. It should be noted that Glen tried in vain to get me to join his jeep club, but I was on to him - he only wants me to cook for him. Men with hungry bellies can be crafty.

Thursday, July 13th:

Glen and Bob left first thing in the morning and headed back home. Danyale got up early and fixed everyone a mountain man breakfast in the dutch oven. The group spent the day doing a whole lotta nothing. Well, if relaxing qualifies as nothing, then that's what we did. Some decided to get in the lake water (this was Rubi's favorite activity), while others paddle boarded and a few napped in chairs and got sunburnt. The dinner menu was grilled chicken sausages, chicken skewers, asparagus, pasta salad and rolls. Dutch oven peach cobbler for dessert.

Friday, July 14th:

Breakfast was simple: donuts and danishes. Cindy was a trooper and stepped-up to clean the port-apotty at Spider Lake. She donned gloves, grabbed a broom and sprayed down the toilet area with such precision I was almost tempted to tip her. We packed up camp and left at 9:15am on our way to Rubicon Springs. A half-hour into the journey Chaun had to plug a tire. Then a lil ways further Morgan also had to plug one of his tires. Chaun taco'd his exhaust pipe close to the dam and had to cut it off. Luckily Morgan had an angle grinder with cut-off wheel and Chaun spent some time under his jeep to cut the pipe off. Tim gets the turtle reward of the trip. He managed to get so hung-up that Chaun had to use a hi-lift jack and stack rocks to free him. Wildly entertaining. So much so that a few vehicles coming up the trail pulled over to watch the teamwork required to free his jeep. We secured our same camping spot as last year a lil past Rubicon Springs and set up camp for 1 night. While no winches or straps were used on this trip for jeep-related instances, it should be noted that Chaun used his strap for an unconventional purpose. After he set-up his tent on Friday, he noticed a tree leaning precariously close to his tent. So Chaun installed a strap between two trees over his tent because he was afraid a dead tree would fall on his tent in the night and crush them. Dinner that night was marinated carne asada over an open fire, beans and Spanish rice.

Saturday, July 15th:

Yay! We woke to an unscathed Chaun and Danyale. Breakfast was maple bacon, omelets or egg and vegetable scramble, dutch oven buttermilk biscuits (which I proceeded to leave on the fire too long and burnt the bottoms) and orange juice. We packed up camp and left at 10 am. 15 minutes into the trip, Debbie announced that "a tree moved" and knocked off her driver mirror on the trail. Then about noon, Chaun came on the radio declaring that he had "tire cords" sticking out of one of his tires, but it wasn't flat. Not long after, a "funny squeak" (his words) coming from his jeep yielded no visual, so we kept going. The noise intensified, so it became a goal to drown the "birdie" noises from his jeep upon water crossings. We weren't on Cadillac Hill for more than a few minutes when our progress was halted by a broken-down jeep. Luckily, Chaun had a spare battery terminal that was needed for their jeep. The guys were able to fix their jeep quickly and we were on the move again. After conquering Cadillac Hill and stopping at the overlook for some amazing pictures, we had a snow run on 2 tires for all of about 3 seconds.

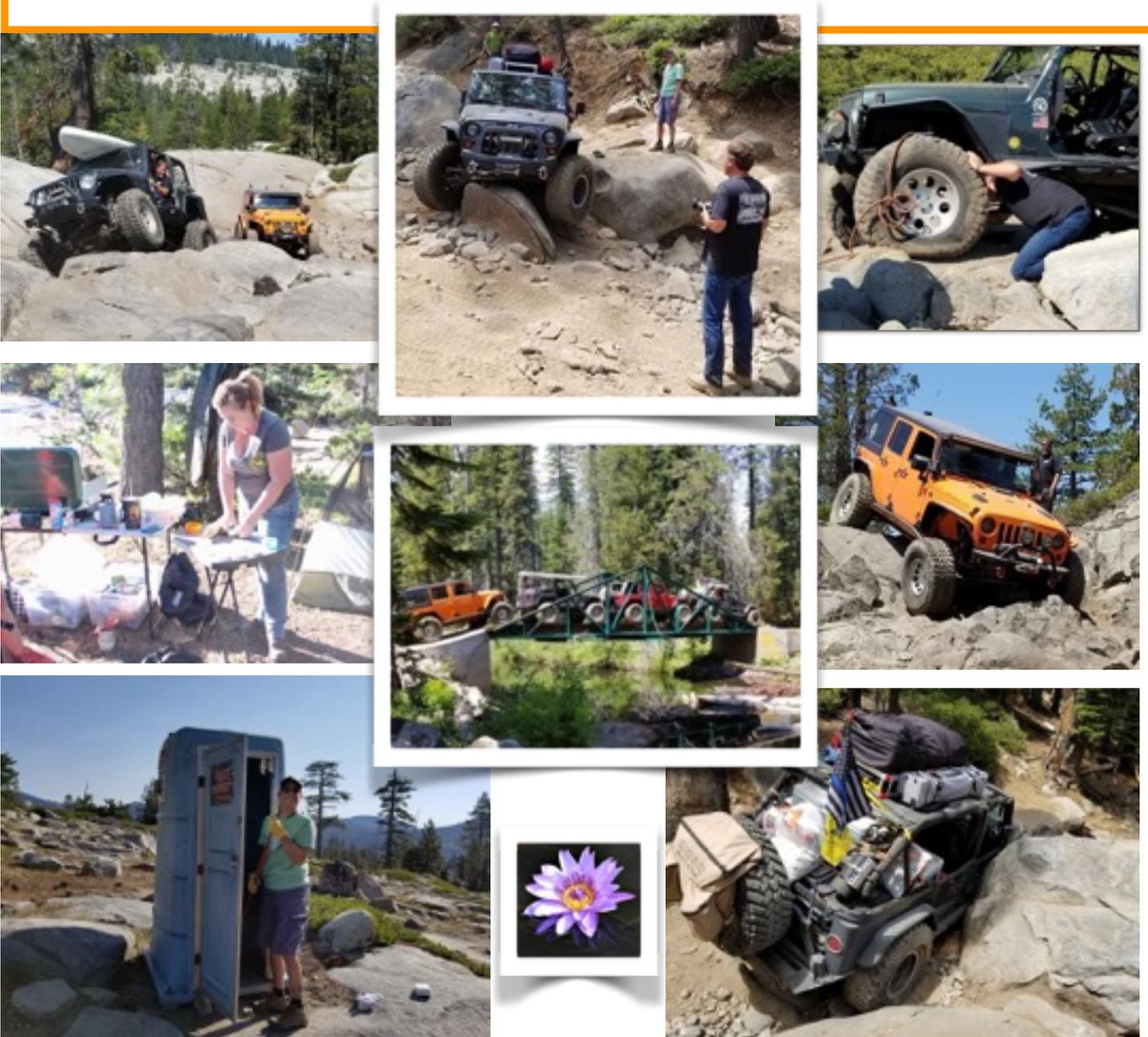
We aired-up in a parking lot close to the staging area upon exiting the trail. We had to battle an abundance of whacko tourists and crazy drivers at Lake Tahoe who tested our patience. We tried to stop by a few places for lunch, but the wait was either too long or we couldn't find outside seating for Rubi. We drove to Placerville and stopped by a Mexican restaurant about 3 pm for a late lunch/early dinner. Danyale ordered a macho margarita which sounded delicious to me, so I ordered one as well. Turns out 1 tequila laden macho margarita on an empty stomach is all it takes to make me giggle like a school girl. Everything was funny to me for the next few hours. Good times.

Rubicon (Cont.)

Sunday, July 16th:

We left Shingle Springs around 8 am. About an hour into the drive, Debbie and Cindy heard a pop and had a flat tire on the trailer. Morgan, Chaun and Tim helped change it for them. Chaun's hi-lift jack got a work-out on this trip. The group stopped at Andersen's Pea Soup for lunch. We caravanned over the Grapevine and eventually all went our separate ways over different freeways. It was an amazing trip with a phenomenal group of people!

Your Macho Margarita Lovin IE4W Member,
Sharla Traylor





Onyx Summit July 22, 2017

Trail leaders: Cindy Coffin/Joe Martinez

Mid Gunners: Loren Campbell/Debbie Coffin

Tail Gunners: Teri Patterson/Jim Patterson

Members:

Kevin Strong

Bill and Rachel Bem

Bill Rhett's

Russ Deer

Craig And Char Hart

Matt and Sue Martel

George and Kay Stauber

Randy "epic" Stockberger

Guests:

Keith and Carol Lefever

John Dunlap and CeCe Richter

Pablo and Ichen te Velasco and Zac and Max

Robin Reed

Craig Willcutt and Danielle Grout

Bill and Wendy Stephens



Most of us met up at Arthur's in Mentone for breakfast at 7:30. After a hearty meal we headed up to the Ranger station and picked up a couple more folks. Drove up the hill and met up with one more participant. While airing down some more Jeeps and more Jeeps and more Jeep's passed us. 45 total. Yikes. They were from the San Diego club. We had a discussion with their trail leader and we agreed that they would let us pass them and go forward with our trip. Phew.

We had a pretty uneventful drive down the hill and got to the good stuff. Rocks!!! We made it thru Pontiac loop. Still weren't able to tell the year or make of that Pontiac. We stopped at the top of the loop to check out the memorial for a Marine that was killed in Iraq in 2004.

After continuing on we had our first little mishap. The trail leaders and some of us went one way and others didn't follow and we had a bit of confusion on who was lost. Certainly not the trail leaders cuz they are never lost. We finally sorted it all out and made it to our lunch spot.

July 22, 2017 Onyx Summit (Cont.)

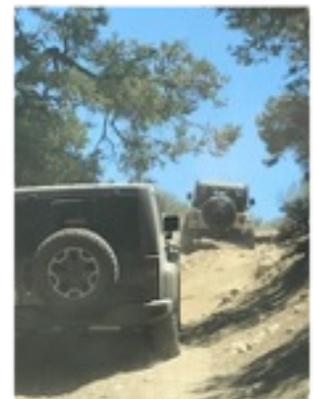
We finished up the ride where we started and all was well. No breakage and lots of good times with great people.

And a special thanks to my co-leader Joe. We are a great team.

Thanks to all that participated. It was a massive turnout.

Cindy Coffin

Proud Ie4w member.



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The Inland Empire Four Wheelers meet the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Crosswalk Church at 10421 Corporate Dr. #B, Redlands, CA. Located off the 10 freeway in Redlands. Exit Mountain View Ave and go South to the 1st street and turn left on Business Center Dr, go 2 blocks and turn right on Corporate Dr. It is the 2nd building on the left. Entrance at the back of the building with plenty of parking.