

Low Range Ramblin'

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Inland Empire 4 Wheelers



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!

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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



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: Steve Owen



**IE4W
August 2012**



August President's Report

IE4W was busy in July and many changes are under way. George "P'diddy" led his annual run to Pismo/Oceano Dunes. As always it was a blast, full of sand, friends, fun, and good wheeling. Several changes have occurred in our club Volunteers. Loren and Joe will be taking over the newsletter. I would like to thank Wende for all her hard work this year. Safety will be taken over by Jerry Burgess. What can we expect from a retired cop? Only time will tell.

August brings a trip to the Dusy, led by Mike Moore, and our Annual Run With No Sun Let by the Sloan's. Speaking of the Sloan's, they have been dedicated to roundup for many years now and are ready to hand it over. So if you want to get more involved, please don't hesitate to seize this opportunity.

Land use is always on the agenda. Many of our roads in Big Bear are coming under fire and some roads are under threat of closure. Our land use volunteers are reviewing these reports now and looking at ways to fight these potential closures.

August is new officer nominations. If you are interested in a position. It is time to make it known.

As always, wheel safe, have fun.

Tom Thompson
IE4W President

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August Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31 Dan Melo	Aug 1 Anita Peterson Anita Peterson August Club Anniver	2 Business Meeting @	3 Renee Slingo	4
5	6	7	8 Tammy Clay	9 Mike Moore & Mike M	10 Al Auerbach	11
12 Jonathan Mizer Scarlet Roller	13	14 Round Up, 6-9 @ Gr	15	16 Jaci Goldberg Steve Perkio	17	18 Boue Roller Run with No Sun
<p>Dusey Ershim Trail </p>						
19	20	21 Stevie Goldberg	22 Dick Gervais Ron Burris	23	24 Rick & Tammy Clay	25 Jim Miller
26 Terry & Bonnie Mc N	27	28	29 Joe & Mary Muhs Loren Campbell	30 Keren Peterson	31	Sep 1

Meeting Minutes - July 2012

July 5th 2012

Open Meeting - Called to Order by President Tom Thompson at the Grand Terrace Community Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bob Peterson.

The sign in sheets started around. The guests stood and introduced themselves.

The secretary's minutes were approved for June 2012 as published on-line and in Low Range Ramblin'.

Reports

Treasurers Report - Mike Moore present - The club started July with \$31,480.27. During the month income was \$21,109.00 and expenditures were \$29,323.46. The club ended the month with \$23,265.81.

Income included FF registrations (19,297.00) and dues (\$1,812.00). Expenditures included a donation (\$5,000.00) and FF expenses (\$23,858.23). Bills were presented for the newsletter (\$149.06) and for the club trailer storage (\$300.00 quarterly).

Forest Fest Report - Mike reports that we must donate a percentage of the proceeds from the raffle to be legal. We had the largest raffle ticket sales ever! The scholarships are being held over to the 2012-13 year and we are donating to the Boy Scouts, not paying them. Profit from FF was around \$20,000.00. Raffle prizes totaled \$51,000.00; last years was 26K. There were 737 total registered adults, which included 94 members. There were 144 children registered. There were 74 tents on sight this year and 104 people stayed off sight. We paid Snow Valley \$5,450 this year, which included camping fees; we paid only \$3,000 last year. Mike will try to renegotiate this for next year.

Our overall rating from the surveys was 4.7 out of 5.

VP Report Jim Miller present - No report

Merchandise Report Ken Ehlers present - Ken has spoken with our screen printers and suggested to the members that they bring they own purchased items in to have the logo added. That way everyone can wear their own preference. There is merchandise available tonight. Sue brought in the Forest Fest shirts that Dani ordered after the event. Please pick them up at the break.

Membership Kevin Dahl present - Membership packets are available at each meeting and at Round-Up.

Hospitality Report - Sherrie Thompson announced that we are hospitable and wished a belated birthday to Kathy Rodgers.

Round-Up Report Jim and Sue Sloan present - Sue announced that the next Round-Up will be held on July 10th and that the ramp we be there.

AAT Report - Mike Petrarca not present - Jim Miller spoke about the 5 year cut that will need to be done on the Y trails. 3 families need an Adopt-A-Trail run to become a member. Jim Miller and Jim Sloan will plan this run. (Planned for July 29th)

Upcoming Club Runs and Events - Randy Stockberger present July 13-15th P Diddy's Pismo Beach Bash

August 2-17 Mike Moore's Dusy Trip

August 18th Jim Sloan's "Run with no Sun" to John Bull

Sept 14-16 Randy's Big Bear Overnight Campout - Crab Flats Campground

October 26-28 Scary Fest

November Thanksgiving at Parker

November Tom Thompson's run to San Felipe

November 25 Day after Thanksgiving run - TBD

December 8th Evan Owens run- TBD

December 26 Ron Burris' Day after Christmas Annual Run

December Sloan's New Year Bash at Truckhaven Hills Run

Break - Refreshments this month were provided by the Maldonado's. Tim Kemp will bring refreshments next month.

Tom introduced some special guests at the meeting, including Dean Hilleman and Devin Kenny-Hernandez.

Officer Elections - Nominations will be made at the August meeting and the election will be at the September meeting.

Club Runs - Randy spoke about the Historical Run during Forest Fest. Darryl Jordon spoke about the run to Gold Mountain with the Hemet Jeep club. Loren Campbell spoke about his run to Holcomb. Tom Thompson spoke about the Geology Class put on by the SBNF AAT.

Old Business - TDS would like a \$5,000.00 donation for additions they would liketo make to the obstacle

course at OMG Campground. There were all bad comments from the club; there was no vote on this issue.

The installation picnic will be held at Rancho Jurupa Regional Park on September 22nd in the group area. There is RV camping available. Hamburgers/ buns / condiments etc. will be furnished by the club. We will potluck the rest of the meal.

New Business - UFWD would like us to join them - this was benched until next month.

Sheriff's Report -

Ronnie Rogers - broke during FF; Darryl Jordon - dead battery during FF; Joshua Stockberger - buried his hitch; Mallory Lhamon - broke on Gold Mtn; Loren Campbell - hot engine on the way to Holcomb run; Rick Ventriglia; serpentine belt fell off on Taboose trip; Joe M and Loren - trailer tires gone; Randy Stockberger - inappropriate language on the Yahoo

group, Randy S - for the "set-up" of Jim Miller; Kevin Dahl - still no reverse gear, but bought new Rigid Lights at FF. Late dues - Maldonado, Rob Rogers, Casiano, McDonald and Gervais. Phone violations - Tim Kemp and Ken Ehlers trying to get people in trouble with phone calls during the meeting, Monique Chadwick - phone call; Wayne Coey; left early.

Raffle - Joe Martinez will bring the prizes for the August meeting.

Closed Session - None

A motion was made to close the meeting. It was seconded and approved by the membership.

Submitted by Sue Sloan, Past IE4W Secretary

\$86 was collected in merchandise sales

\$13 was collected by the Sheriff

\$161 was collected in raffle tickets sale



Trip Report: Pismo Beach 7/12 – 7/15/2012

Held at: Oceano Dunes SVRA

Trip Leader: PDiddy

Members:

“PDiddy” George, Shelley, Bobby, George V, Tiffany Biddlecombe w/guest

Mariah Juhl

“El Cucoey” Wayne, Monica and Nicolette Coey

“Buggy” Bob & Karen Peterson

Guests:

Robert, Theresa and Zoey Peterson

Cindy and Blake Peterson (He took her name for this report)

Russ and Karen Deer

Don Johnson w/ girlfriend Olga (friends of Russ and Karen)

Cameron, Andrea and Jossylin Parker



Thursday 4:10 am... Either the earliest I have ever arrived or the latest. It was very foggy and dark and I even missed the orange fencing marking the beach access lanes to the dunes. Found several waterfront spaces but decided to stay back where I had planned to make us easier to find and keep the easy access to the dunes. Got the flags posted and hit the rack for a nap as the sun was just beginning to light the morning sky. When I woke up Russ was already there. He said it was easy to find us. Once we got breakfast taken care of, I began placing the yellow tape to mark off our site, and general setup. Karen Deer realized she forgot to bring a jacket so Sheriff Diddy loaned her a fleece pullover. It did warm up during the middle of the day, but barely made it over 70 degrees. It felt good in the sun. No wind all day, just light breeze.

Later in the afternoon we went out to explore the dunes. Starting with a fence line run we soon found a truck that had lost momentum and had tall dunes on one side and the fence on the other. Got them to air down a bit more and backed up to get a better run at it. Spent some of the time narrating our tour on the radio and finally went back to camp for dinner. The Parkers showed up around 8pm and I somehow lost my Staun deflators while helping get him hooked up for a tow in. Peterson kids started showing up and Cindy had to drive back to San Louis Obispo to pick up Blake who was flying in from across the country.

Friday, another nice day, upper 60's – 70 degrees and sunny. Light breeze all day. Went out to run the dunes and came back by 4pm to run to Pismo Beach for the clam chowder. As always it was awesome. Once we got back to camp we stoked up the fire for those who wanted to stay in camp and at dark rolled out for our night run. Very few people out in the dunes before 10pm, but saw more heading out as we were on our way back to camp. It got pretty cool on the dunes, so we were happy to get back and pour a beverage and warm by the fire.

Saturday morning dawned beautiful... at least I think it did. By the time I appeared from the trailer it was almost 10am, crack of dawn in Pismo time. Sun was up, light breeze blowing. Some time during the weekend, Russ's friend Don Johnson (no, the other Don Johnson) got banged up falling off his quad and it was later decided that a trip to the hospital might be in order. Russ was able to drop his buddy off at the hospital, make runs, go pick him back up from the hospital make dinner and never missed anything.

We worked on my quad which had a drain plug issue and I was able to get it to seal well enough to not leak “temporarily”. So I got some riding in. Went back out in the Jeeps for another guided run and some miscreant in a rhino with 3 other kids, none of them over 14, comes riding up near me, and they were not watching where they were going... Looking over at Tiffany and Mariah, he did not see the 2' drop off ahead and lawn darter the rhino into the sand off the drop off. The kid in the back got his gasses launched from the sudden landing and the right front hub broke off leaving them disabled. Fortunately none of them were hurt save for the broken ego. I suddenly realized I had a Randy Stockberger teaching moment (see sidebar) and they had to sit there and listen as I laid into them about watching where you are going instead of looking stupid in front of girls. Sometimes experience is the best teacher. We continued with the “trail” run and I tried in vain to get the others to slipface or crab walk their Jeep across the face of dunes. Wayne was getting better at climbing the dunes, but still not willing to gun it, so after taking the strap from the sheriff a couple times, he limited himself to the smaller dunes with a bit of momentum. We seemed to gather a crowd whenever we stopped to play on a dune, and soon were greeted by the driver of an older 80's lifted Suburban telling me he



Weddings

traditionally difficult. It was not as strong a wind as in previous years and died off quickly and we were soon feasting on the Deer's Carne Asada, The Parker's Shrimp cocktail appetizer and dinner salad, and PDiddy's Pismo Taters. The ensuing campfire and revelry was as expected with this group and lasted well past midnight. Sunday morning seemed like no one

This is what happens when people submit trip reports without pictures...

hoped he would get to see me roll it. Some people... We continued playing on dune

after dune until we worked our way back to camp. Saturday evening is potluck time. So I decided to make a quick trip to the store for last minute items and who should I see in front of us as we exited the beach... the Suburban. I could see through the back that the windshield was all cracked, and I pulled up next to them at a stoplight on Grand to ask what happened. He said he rolled it trying to slipface on the dunes. Apparently he misinterpreted "he won't roll" as "you won't roll" and decided push his own luck. He ended up rolling onto the passenger side where the doors got crushed and the roof buckled taking out the windshield. Some people... Guess he got to see a roll after all.

The Peterson clan decided to go out to dinner instead of the potluck, and I don't blame them. The wind began to pickup right about 2:00 and blew until 6 making cooking

wanted to leave so we made another run into the dunes and took turns extracting one vehicle after the next. Majority of the problems were because of too high tire pressure. Eventually everyone decided that we had to get on the road sooner or later and began to pack up. It was a great weekend and while smaller than some recent trips, was no less fun. I don't think the camping ever sold out, which made everything less crowded and dangerous... with the exception of 14 year old love-struck boys who are mainly dangerous to themselves.

Sidebar:

Randy Stockberger has always been a teacher of experience. "You have to do it to see what it's like" followed by "don't worry it will rub out" etc... On Dishpan Springs a couple years ago, Randy was spotting a large group of wheelers up the waterfall and one of the typically impatient motorcyclists tried to drive around our group, stalled on the waterfall, fell over and slid all the way back down almost under a Jeep. Randy's response? "Feeling pretty stupid huh..?" Never pass up a teachable moment.

IE4W LOST AND FOUND AKA THE COEY SHAFT SAGA

Did this guy take my drive shafts?



Have you seen my spare drive shafts??

Where is the AAT Shed??

Who is headed up to Big Bear this week? Can you Keep an eye open for my drive shafts?

Let's turn over all these stones to look for the drive shafts....

Jim & Sue's Run with no Sun

Saturday Night, August 18th - John Bull

Get those rock lights fired up; it's almost time for the Annual Run with no Sun! All those who wish to join up for dinner will meet at AJ Barile's Chicago Pizza in Yucaipa at 6:00 PM. Get there on time, everything is made to order. They serve award winning pizza, but have also serve subs, calzones, hot dogs, appetizers and pastas. They are located at 32693 Yucaipa Blvd (x 13th - zip 92399). You can call your order in to them one hour in advance of your arrival and have it ready and waiting for you. (909-790-0707). We plan to leave the restaurant about 7:30 and head up Hwy 38, (CB Channel 4) If you wish to join the group up the hill, we will be meeting at the trailhead by the dump near Baldwin Lake between 8:45 and 9:00 PM. Homemade goodies are usually the highlight of the break during the night run, so let's show off our best stuff. Call us with any questions; we hope to see you on the trail. Slim and Sue Sloan Jim's cell 909-841-9766 Sue's cell 909-841-9689 Requirements: Rated- Tough (Black) Minimum 32" tires and 2 lockers recommended. Low ground clearance vehicles are likely to get scraped on the rocks. Description: Highway driving will be required. There will be an opportunity to air down at the trail head. John Bull, often called the "Mini-Rubicon" is one of the most challenging trails on the mountain. It definitely has some of the best rocks. The trail has been known to challenge even the locked vehicles. For the night run, please use extreme caution when driving over obstacles. ****FULL TANK OF GAS REQUIRED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE***

Mike Moore's Dusy Ershim Run

Mike is leading a group to the Dusy Ershim Trail in the Western Sierras. The Dusy Ershim is a 30 mile route through a corridor located between two wilderness areas. This very difficult trail has views that you would expect to see in Yosemite. We will depart for Clovis on August 12, and will return on Friday in time for the Run with No Sun. For more information, please see the group site.

Installation Picnic Details

The installation picnic is open to members and guests. We will barbecue hamburgers and hot dogs. The club will provide the meat, buns and condiments. Loren and Joe have offered to bring the Redlands Jeep monster barbecue. We are in the Pecan Pavillion by the entrance. There is room for games and a small water park for the kids. We will award Trail Guide, Tail Gunner, Member and Family of the year awards and celebrate the new club officers. The park has RV camping some have full hook ups. Sherie and I are in site 226 in the Cottonwood campground. For more information on our website, Click on "Files" on the left hand side and scroll down to the bottom. It is Rancho Jarupa Park Brochure. Installation Picnic Saturday, September 22, 2012 Rancho Jarupa Park 4800 Crestmore Rd. Riverside, CA 92509 Pecan Pavilion 10:00 AM til?



Cleghorn–Pilot Rock Run Report July 21, 2012

Loren Campbell, Trail Leader

Boue Roller, Mid Gunner; Guests Jesse Roller and Joshua Javier

Tony Nunnally, Tail Gunner; Guests Cindy and Family

Guests: Russell Deer, Norb Tellez and Gary Cross, Benjamin McAlvey, Bill Sutton, and Matt Sutton

Lou and Marci Szakal, Frank and Patty Jubala

George Kropp, Bob O'Connell

Debbie and Cindy Coffin

Andrew and Morette Morand

Eddie and Rowena Moreno, Mike Schatz



The group left Redlands Jeep promptly at 8:30, and met 5 other rigs at the Trailhead at the I15 Cleghorn exit. Many of the run participants were guests of Redlands Jeep to introduce or reacquaint them to offroading.

One great asset of Cleghorn was that people could choose the bypasses they wanted based upon the level of experience and challenge they were looking for on the trail. We spent quite a bit of time at a

couple of the more difficult bypasses to give everyone a chance to stretch their legs and learn what their rigs were capable of.

When we got down to the highway, the temptation



to end the day with a swim in Silverwood Lake was overcome with another run over to go up Pilot Rock Trail. Again, it was a good run to give inexperienced drivers an opportunity to do some pretty serious steep slopes and lots of ruts. Following along the ridgeline with pine forests on the left, high desert to the right, and Silverwood Lake below were more amazing views.

We finished up at the Silverwood Dam to air up and were on the road home by 4:00. Thanks everyone for a great run, and especially to Tony Nunnally and Boue Roller for coming along as trail guides and also to make it an official club run. Congratulations also to Russ Deer, this was his 6th club run.

Loren Campbell

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The Inland Empire Four Wheelers! meet the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Grand Terrace Community Center on the corner of Barton Road and Vivienda, Grand Terrace, CA. From the north on 215, get off at Barton Road (south of I-10) and make a left on Barton. The Community Center will be on the left side of the road as you approach Vivienda. From the south (north of hwy 60) on 215, get off at Barton Road exit to the right and turn left on Vivenda after the signal light.

Trip Report Holcomb Creek

Saturday June 30, 2012

Members

Loren Campbell, Trail Leader
Jim and Sue Sloan, Tail Gunner
Mike Moore, Wayne Coey
Alex Rodriguez, Bill Henry

Guests

Richard and Annette Mordoff
Loren Webb (riding with Loren)

A group of us had to get one more run in for June, so we met up at Kay's Café Saturday morning and departed at 8:40. Loren had his hot oil temp light come on the drive up the mountain, but after pulling over for a few minutes and leaving the engine running, the light went off and we continued on up the mountain. If you have a 2007-2008 JK with Auto Trans and haven't had the recall done that enables this warning, you should make sure you have it done soon, pulling over and waiting for the light is much better than having hot trans fluid boil out if you don't know.

While airing down at Green Valley, Bill Henry pulled in and joined us.



With clear blue skies and temperatures 10 to 15 degrees cooler than the valley, Holcomb Creek was busy, we passed groups from San Diego, Victor Valley, Waywegoes, MyJeepRocks, and Freelanders coming the opposite way. Even so, the run was fast and no straps or winching was needed. We even spotted a bald eagle perched on a tree

just after the second rock garden.

About 1:30 we were back at the Fire Station in Fawnskin to airup, and we headed back down the mountain. There was some sort of accident at the bottom of the 330 that held us up, but fortunately only about 15-20 minutes.

Thanks for everyone that skipped out on cutting grass, pulling weeds, painting Jeeps, drum corps, and all the other things that you "should" have been doing. It was a great run!

Loren

Land Use Red Alert!!!

There are 2 very recent developments on the land use front that have just been posted. Several roads are being proposed to be closed or decommissioned in the Big Bear Area and the Final Environmental Impact Statement report has been issued affecting Johnson Valley. The recommendation for Johnson Valley will close 56% of the OHV area permanently, and another 44% will be open for OHV use for 10 months per year. The period for public response is very limited, watch for further information to be posted on our website in the next week...

For more information on the Big Bear Closures Visit
http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=38938

For more information on the Johnson Valley Area Visit
www.marines.mil/unit/29palms/LAS/Pages/default.aspx