

# Low Range Ramblin'

a publication of:

## 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

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

July 2017

Thank you IE4W members for attending the Celebration of Life for Laura Hertel. The loss of a friend is a difficult one, the IE4W will remember Laura in so many ways, her dedication and joyful spirit will remain with us all.

BBFF-20 was a huge success. From the trails, to the dinner and raffle, what a wonderful job was done by all. The IE4W members and guests that were able to attend and volunteer can be proud of the work completed. While I was visiting with the guests Saturday night nothing but praises and compliments were heard.

A big Thank you to Mike again this year for his commitment to BBFF-20.

Looking to the future we will be...

Think of possible members for the following years board

Bill Henry  
President, IE4W

**IE4W Business Meeting – June 1, 2017 – 6:00 pm – BBFF  
POTLUCK MEETING**

**Open Meeting**

Called to order by President Bill Henry at CrossWalk

Bobby Holley led the Pledge of Allegiance

**Introduction of Guests**

The guests in attendance were as follows: Robert Berg of Orange, John Dunlap of Riverside, Craig Wilcutt of Banning, Greg Silver of Eastvale and Pablo Velasco of Rancho Cucamonga.

**Forest Fest**

Mike Moore reported on how the finances and registration were coming together for Forest Fest. He reported on what has been accomplished in the various components of “making the event happen” Each person that was responsible for the areas to bring event together, reported on what was complete and what still needs to happen.

Prayer was offered by Bill Rhettts

Food was consumed.

Derek Rist made a request to members to accept his “significant other” Bridget Cole to be added to his membership and be allowed to wear club colors. MSC to accept.

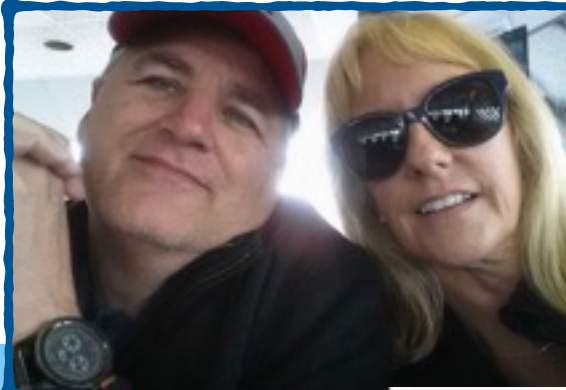
44 members and 6 guests were represented at the June meeting.

Submitted by Laura Hertel, IE4W Secretary

**Board of Directors**

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*In Memoriam:*

## *Laura Hertel*

*IE4W Club Secretary*

*Aug. 29, 1956 to June 8, 2017*

*Beloved wife, mother,  
grandmother, faithful  
friend to all, and always  
ready for a good trail or  
adventure.*

*Happy trails Laura, until  
we meet again.*





## Upcoming Events



**July Club Run....Saturday, July 22, 2017**  
**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**

### Hospitality

The responsibility of the Hospitality Chair is to post Birthdays, Anniversaries to YahooGroups. Also, in the event of an illness, surgery or loss of a loved one, the Hospitality Chair person will send a card, flowers or yummy arrangement to the effected Cub 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 on the word.

Email: [hospitality@ie4w.com](mailto:hospitality@ie4w.com)

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



# JULY 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1 Alex Rodriguez	2 Fire Inspection Run
3 Cathy Rodgers Mike Moore	4 Independence Day	5 Steve Santa	6 MEETING Bob Yaryan Rick Ventriglia	7	8	9
10	11 ROUND-UP	12	13	14 Cindy Ehlers	15	16 Judy Santa
17	18 John & Ming Letzkus John Letzkus	19	20	21	22 Club Run	23 Randi LaBusch
24 31	25	26	27	28	29	30 Curt Harmon

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

## Safety With Jerry

### A Grade 8 Failure!

This is the reporting of an event that occurred after Forest Fest was over and nearly everyone had gone home. Since I was involved, and only a few other members knew about this, it is worthy of repeating for everyone's consideration. Evan Owen is the primary person in this report since it was with his Jeep. Everything was packed, and the last task was to connect the Blue Ox tow bar to the Jeep behind the camper and flat tow the Jeep down to home. However, Evan noticed a tow point was loose, an unusual condition for a tow point with 2 grade 8 bolts. A closer examination of the bolts revealed the forward bolt was broken off flush – up inside the bumper area. After some consideration of alternatives with Ken, it was decided to pull the winch, bumper and strip off the front attachment points. That having been done, bolts in hand, Kim was sent with Kathy to the hardware store in Running Springs to buy another grade 8 bolt of the same length and size.

Upon Kim's return, and after extracting the broken thread portion of the bolt from the nut welded inside the frame rail, the process was reversed and the bumper, winch, and attachment points were re-attached to the bottom of the bumper to re-establish those points necessary to connect the Blue Ox tow bar. However, something was noted during the reassembly process that bothered me a bit. There was an obvious offset of the bumper being on the lower side of the frame rail, and the adapter / tow point device was cut away in a step fashion to make an attempt to compensate for the thickness of the bumper. The adapter had to bolt both directly to the frame rail and also a second bolt that went through the bumper a couple inches away. The stepped gap in the adapter was cut away too much for the bumper thickness and after bolting the adapter with the frame rail bolt and pulling it snug, I could see a gap between the bumper and the adapter at the 2<sup>nd</sup> bolt hole. After installing the second bolt and pulling it tight to 40 ft lbs of torque, the adapter rocked under the stress and it was now clear what had happened.

The forward bolt (that was the one that broke) was being bent in a slight arc due to the adapter rocking forward to take up the torque of the front bolt. The point at which the bolt had broken was right at the welded nut where the arc stopped and the threads were not able to bend. The new replacement bolt on this installation was able to hold for the Jeep to be towed home where the bolt on the other side in the same placement is now to be pulled and replaced. Adapters are going to be pulled off and a washer or plate will be welded or placed into the gap to keep the adapter at 90 degrees to the bumper and the bolt will no longer be stressed. This was a simple \$2 bolt that could have caused an accident should the attachment point have broken free, a very serious condition in flat towing. This is an example of a part that served well but failed due to a mismatch that didn't seem to matter, UNTIL it failed and was discovered. Keep this one in the back of your mind, just in case you see something not quite right on your equipment and ask yourself if it might create a dangerous condition. If you said yes, then = FIX IT.







## Taboose Creek Memorial Day Run

May 27 & 28, 2017

### Members:

Mark and Peggy Ogaz – Trail Guides  
 Morgan and Laura Hertel  
 Joe and Mary Muhs  
 Tim Glider and Sharla Traylor  
 George and Kay Stauber  
 Matt and Sue Martell, Robbie and Ciara

### Guest:

Pablo Velasco  
 Felipe Velasco  
 John and Linda Kelly

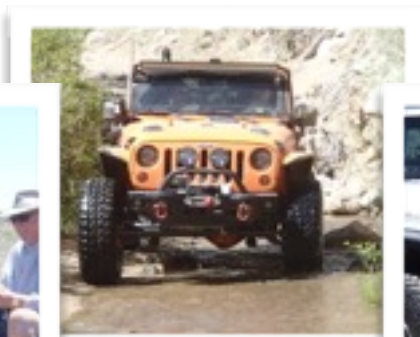
We had wind earlier in the week, but the weekend worked out great. All week Sharla arranged dinners for the group and tried out new recipes for Forest Fest. Everyone contributed and we ate like kings.

Saturday weather was perfect. We started the day by heading into Bishop to watch the Mule Days Parade. We got there early, so several ladies headed around to the craft store and bought quilting supplies. The parade was fun and ended by 10AM and we headed out on our run.

We went up Silver Canyon to the top of the White Mountains. On the way up we had seven water crossings. There was a little snow in spots, but nothing blocking the trail. We went down Wyman Canyon on the far side. There were several small cabins that we explored. These are cabins the cattle ranchers use and are open to the public for camping. We had several small water crossings on the way down and we returned to camp for another great dinner.

Sunday had good weather again. This time we headed down to Independence to run Mazourka Canyon. We stopped and checked out old mining relics during several parts of the trail. We also hit the peak and were able to check out the modern telecommunications at the top. With all the rain this year, the variety and abundance of flowers was amazing. We are looking forward to returning next year and running some new trails.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Mark and Peggy Ogaz



## Forest Fest Pre-Run Gold Mountain

June 4, 2017

**Attended by:**

Chaun Goldberg  
Ron Fleming & Anita  
Joe Martinez  
Steven & Amber Solid  
Cindy Coffin  
Debbie Coffin  
Jamie Duncanson  
Neil Stratton  
Evan Owen

We met at the Big Bear Discovery Center at 10:30 am. Aired down at trail head. Quick drivers meeting. We had one tag along, unknown person wearing BBFF shirt. No issues. Evan and Neil missed the turn to the rock garden but caught up quickly. My CB was inoperable (able to transmit but not receive) which made for a quiet enjoyable run.

I did bring along a ham radio for emergency communication.

Exited by way of Van Dusen Canyon Road. Aired up and was on the road home by 1:00pm.

Thanks to all for a great day!

Chaun Goldberg







# BIG BEAR FOREST FEST 2017





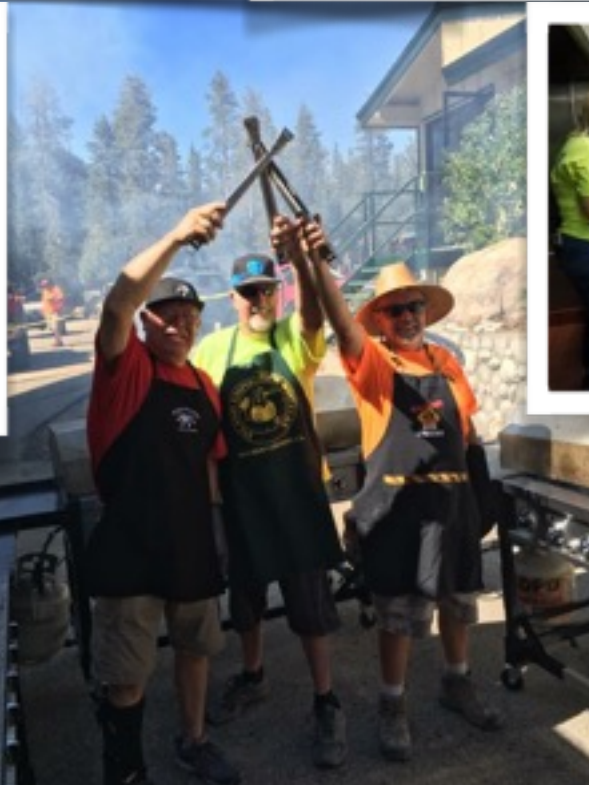
# Big Bear Forest Fest

the fun never stops

2017







**IE4W**

Let the eating begin!



## FOREST FEST MOTINO WASH RUN

We started out with 9 vehicles, picking up an additional 3 in Big Bear and 2 more that were late and caught up at the air down spot. Aired down and set off. Y Trail to 2NO2 to Rattlesnake to Motino Wash.

From the start we had a **great group of guests!** Vegas Valley group was awesome! They were doing all the difficult lines and were very used to spotting. They made most of the obstacles and some took only a few tries and pass. Suddenly, Flat Tire comes across the radio- Midgunner had a flat. After 3/4 the way up I was looking after a bent Tie rod, I hear "I Broke!" I walk back down the waterfall; the beautiful 4 door broke a front axel. By the time I went to my jeep to get my jack, they had the tire off and were working on the knuckle. Axel out, plug installed. We winched her up and off we went. Broken valve stem fixed in no time.

We took the easy lines the rest of the way.

Aired up at 2NO1, back to camp at 5:30pm.

A fantastic day on Motino Wash with a Fantastic Group- thanks to Vegas Valley Club.

Kevin Rice





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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.