

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



Hello fellow Wheelers,

I would like to give my thanks to the Ortega Family, both of whom will be stepping down from their chairman positions. Monica as the Membership chairman and Mike as the Mountain Top AAT chairman. Joe Martinez will eagerly be filling in as Membership Chairman. At this meeting, we will be discussing the ATT situation. Perspective Members please be patient, we will be having a "Work Run" soon.

Forest Fest is fast approaching and under full steam. Behind the scenes a lot is happening, Registration, Food, Vendors, Raffle, Trails and much more are in full swing. Please help where ever you can to make this another Epic event.

While out on the trails we must remember to tread lightly while traveling through any of our public land. Leave it better than you found it.

Bill Henry, President IE4W

Upcoming Events

Caboose Creek- May 23-29, 2017

Big Bear Forest Fest- June 18-20, 2017

Installation Picnic- Sept. 22-24, 2017



Board of Directors

IE4W Business Meeting – April 6, 2017 – 7:00 pm

Open Meeting

Called to order by President Bill Henry at CrossWalk
Cheri McRae led the Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Guests

The guests in attendance were as follows: Robert Berg of Orange, John Dunlap of Riverside, John & Angie Maneth of Highland, Craig Wilcutt of Banning, Todd Cochran of Loma Linda, Gordon Crowl of Rancho Cucamonga, Brian & Faline Eck of Apple Valley, John & Lynnda Kelly of Twin Peaks and Greg Pope of Riverside.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for March 2, 2017 with changes made to date from 2016 to 2017 under V.P. report and removal of the word “guest” under raffle. Accepted as published on-line, on the website and in the Low Range Ramblin’. Motion carried.

Reports

Secretary - Laura Hertel present – Reminder to turn in your trip reports and signed waiver forms.

Treasurer - Mike Moore present – The club started March with \$33,868.52. During the past month income was \$20,280.00 (including 2017 Forest Fest) and expenditures were \$3,181.88. The club ended the month of March with \$50,966.64. Expenditures included trailer space rental, newsletter, raffle, hospitality, donations and Forest Fest.

Vice President – Teri Patterson present – No report.

Merchandise - Peggy Ogaz present – Product is available for purchase. New merchandise will be ordered soon.

Membership & Public Relations - Monica Ortega absent. Loren reminded visitors that membership packets are available.

Hospitality – Barbara Bongiorno present – Barbara reported that hospitality is going well.

Forest Fest – Mike Moore present – 2017 open enrollment for Forest Fest has begun. There are 290 registered to date. Mike reported that when runs are full, registration closes.

President	Bill Henry president@ie4w.com
Past President	Loren Campbell ppresident@ie4w.com
Vice President	Teri Patterson vpresident@ie4w.com
Secretary	Laura Hertel secretary@ie4w.com
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Big Bear Forest Fest Chair	Mike Moore bbff@ie4w.com
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Trail Boss	Mike Ortega trailboss@ie4w.com

Forest Fest – Meal count is at 492, raffle tickets at this date for the 2016 Forest Fest was at \$4,700. This year we are at \$8,500 to date. June 1 is the last day to cancel. The following positions will be open for the 2018 Forest Fest. Merchandise, Raffle. More information to follow at the club meetings and Yahoo groups.

Round-Up - Jamie Duncanson present. There will be a round-up on April 11. Attendance has been up.

AAT - Jim Sloan/Mike Ortega absent – Jim Miller reported on the AAT meeting of March 15 at the Sizzler in Corona. IE4W was presented with a certificate and 3rd place trophy for 313 hours of AAT trail work. For any future work there needs to be a road management plan presented. Jim Miller will try to work on this with Jim Sloan and Mike Ortega. Club also needs 2 people to go through the chain saw certification.

Newsletter – Char Hart present – Char voiced appreciation for trip reports and newsletter content arriving to her in a timely manner.

Historian – Loren Campbell present. Loren shared an article by Steve Brown from 1999. The article mentioned the 2nd annual Forest Fest with 79 vehicles 5 runs and 170 people fed. He also mentioned in the article the reasoning behind the “incorrect” spelling of the club’s name.

Land Use – Loren Campbell present –Loren suggested that the Pahrump area be looked at for future jeep runs.

Scholarship – Mallory absent. 1 scholarship application has been received.

Safety – Jerry present – Topic for April safety was about snake danger this time of year. He commented on types of snakes in the area and what to do if bitten. See the April newsletter for the full story.

Break: Refreshments provided by Craig & Char Hart. May refreshments will be provided by Jim Miller.

Past Runs & Events

Motino Wash – Kevin Rice - March 11. 12 members and 5 guests spent a great day wheelin’. See April newsletter for the full story.

John Bull – Steve & Amber Soliz – March 26. 3 members spent the day getting lost and saving other off road vehicles. See April newsletter for the full story.

April run - Tom Thompson – April 8 – Easy Run, Rouse Ridge – Visit Yahoo groups for more information.

April Social Event – April 9 – Tim Glider & Sharla Traylor – BBQ and Bowling. See Yahoo Groups for all information on this event.

Taboose Creek – Mark & Peggy Ogaz - Memorial Day weekend – May 27, 28, 29 there will be runs and events. See Yahoo groups postings from Mark Ogaz for more information.

Forest Fest – June 16 – 18, 2017. Check the newsletter, Yahoo Groups, Facebook and the IE4W website for more information.

Installation Picnic (Weekend) – September 22-24. Picnic and camping will be at the Jurupa Regional Park. If you plan on camping, reserve your space now. Visit Yahoo groups for more information.

Old Business

Rick Clay reported that LLU administration wants to see if SB County wants to be a part of the doctor transport in a disaster setting. If the county declines, LLU will bring it back to IE4W for consideration.

New Business

Sheriff's Report – Jim Miller present – Lack of “club colors” Chaun Goldberg, Loren Campbell, Tim Glider, Rick Clay. Running trail alone and breaking down, Curtiss Freeman. Breaking down on trail without tools to repair, Curtiss Freeman. Calling club member to be rescued, Curtiss Freeman.

Raffle prizes provided by Derek Rist. May prizes will be provided by Morgan & Laura Hertel.

Miscellaneous income received tonight – Raffle - \$120.00. Sheriff - \$7.00. Merchandise \$5.00. Present at April 2, 2017 meeting: 37 memberships represented and 13 guests.

Submitted by Laura Hertel, IE4W Secretary

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

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

MAY 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 Chaun Goldberg Jim & Teri Patterson	2	3	4 Mike Vercurse	5	6	7 John Maldonado Lincoln Duncanson
8 Jamie Duncanson George & Shelly Biddlecombe	9 ROUND-UP	10	11 CLUB MEETING	12 Kevin Rice Matthew LaBusch	13 Roxann Stockberger	14 MOTHER'S DAY
15 Monica Ortega	16 Tom Thompson	17	18	19 Neil Stratton	20 Rachel Bem	21
22	23 Annette Mordoff Darryl Jordon	24	25	26	27	28
29 MEMORIAL DAY Riyun Rodriguez	30	31 Randy & Roxann Stockberger				

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

Safety

By Jerry Burgess

Prep for Forest Fest Before You Arrive

Forest Fest is once again at our doorstep, just over a month away. We will be using our communication devices for coordinating and planning. If you use an older hand held radio, you now have plenty shipping days to order your replacement batteries and get them charged. If you're working the site, check your family radios, get them charged with extra batteries. Ham radio batteries need to be checked and charged. Have the Ham Radio channels pre-programmed for our area in the event we need to use a relay for making an emergency call for help. If you haven't recently checked, please verify your CB radio has been tuned for optimal SWR. If your antenna is adjustable, get with someone who has a Standing Wave Ratio (SWR) meter. I have one, it only takes 5 minutes if you have an adjustable antenna. Check for loose, kinked, or broken coax lines and connections, verify good power connections and proper grounding. Your CB will be critical to communicate with the guests on the trails for their instructions and directional information. Grab an extra USB charger for your rig so your phone gets charged on the trail, just in case you need to make an emergency call.

Setting the Example: Your vehicle has the IE4W decals and plaques. That speaks for you when you're at Forest Fest, whether parked, on the road, or on the trail. Be a good example and show our guests, especially new off-roaders, that we are ready and prepared by having all your safety equipment in place and accessible. Have your winch wound neatly with all recovery equipment in your recovery bag. Do your thorough inspection NOW for all your moving parts, joints, nuts, and clearances. Get them fixed THIS MONTH. Your First Aid Kit should be packed with fresh supplies, and your Fire Extinguisher should be in the Green and readily accessible. Please make sure your vehicle has all the required street legal equipment installed as we don't want to compromise integrity by a bad example. As for OHV equipment, have your OFF HIGHWAY lighting covered while on the highway. A couple years ago the CHP focused on this violation as they were having problems with improper light use on the highway.

When you Pre-Run your trails, think about and then know the alternative trails connected to your main trail in the event of an evacuation, emergency exit or if assistance is required to provide the quickest route to or from your location for an emergency run. Carry a forestry map or GPS in the event you are confronted with planning decisions on the trail, whether it is your group or someone you cross that needs help. You can only drive a trail at the speed of the SLOWEST driver! Remember you're your experience and familiarity of your trails is different than those of the new off-roaders. Their experience may not meet the demands of your trail and they are going to be overly cautious. Locate your difficult obstacles then spot accordingly using clear signals. Practice our Driver's Meeting Rules by watching your mirrors for gaps. Have mid and tail report gaps that are beyond your mirror. Wait at intersections for the person behind. Keep the group together while moving along at a safe distance. Provide spotting over obstacles as necessary. And, absolutely = NO Alcoholic beverage containers are to be open on the trail (CVC 23220, 23221, 23222...).

Rouse Ridge Run – April 8, 2017

Members:

Tom & Sherie Thompson & Guest Debbie Pawley - Trail Leader
Craig & Char Hart
John Maldonado
Bill Bem
Bill & Lori Rhett's
Larry Peterson & Gayle Miller
Terry McNeill
Mike Moore & Mike Maxon
George & Kay Stauber
Joe Muhs & John Letzkus - Mid Gunner
Alex Rodriguez
Todd Vargason
John & Audrey Harding
Bobby, Cindy, Justin & Jacob Holley
Bill Henry & Karen Cramer
Jim Miller & Grandson Logan - Tail

Guests:

Robert Berg & Robert Berg Jr.
John Dunlap & Cece Richter
John & Angie Maneth
Todd Cochran
Craig Willcutt & Matt Switzer
Greg Pope
Keith & Carol Lefever
Clay Beansderfer

Note: If your name is spelled wrong, work on your penmanship.

We met at Farmer Boys for breakfast. Bill Henry was late. We waited.
We left for the trailhead at Cranston Ranger Station. I missed the turn and had to do a howdy.

We aired down and had a short drivers meeting. We did Rouse Ridge (5S15) from west to east. There were lots of wildflowers out and we had great views of Hemet, Diamond Valley Lake and Lake Hemet. We ended up in Garner Valley and had lunch at the Paradise Valley Café.

Tom Thompson



APRIL CLUB SOCIAL - BEHIND THE SCENES

I want to thank all the club members and guests who drove well over an hour to make the April 9th Club Social such a success. We had 50 people in attendance: 38 club members/guests and 12 people from Char's family (since the club social fell on the actual day of her birthday). For those that did not attend, the Social was held in a rural area of Wildomar on 7 acres of land with a working goat ranch. I rent a small home on the back side of the property and use it only as my office space. The house has a large patio, plenty of room for socializing and in my case: space to set up tables to display all the food. Tim grilled 4 tri tips and I made large trays of chicken casserole, sausage, peppers and onions, mac n cheese and appetizers. I was running short on time, so within a few seconds of walking in, Laura was put to work assembling tortellini skewers and Char helped make cucumber tuna boats. We had fresh fruit salads, shrimp cocktail and lots of desserts. People started arriving around 1 and began eating appetizers. The last batch of hot food was put out by about 1:45. We ate, socialized and everyone gathered together to sing Happy Birthday to Char. She had 2 birthday cakes and ice cream, so there was plenty of dessert to go around. Laura later told us that Morgan wasn't feeling well that day, which would explain why he fell asleep on the sofa inside the house. Tim Glider, of course, took advantage of this opportunity and saw it as a chance to take a sleeping selfie with him. Don't be surprised, Morgan, if this pic shows up in the newsletter. Don't blame me - he's your friend. Just sayin'.

People walked around and interacted with the goats and goat kids. Some of the young goats were fast and hard to catch, so the landowner rounded them up and placed them in the hands of eager kids who wanted to pet them. The landowner later commented to me how nice everyone was, so know that IE4W left a great impression on him and the club is welcome back.

The lunch portion of the day ended at 4. We then took the group that wanted to go bowling on the 4 mile drive to Pins n Pockets in Lake Elsinore. The private room was really nice and had a dedicated hostess/server bringing drinks. It was great having a separate space that was just for our club. We only had 20 bowlers show up, but it made for lots of bowling time. The group was able to bowl 3 full games in the 3 hour time slot. The only league bowler of the group was Meghann. She bowls every Friday night. Since everyone else was not a hard-core bowler, we felt the need to knock her average down if and when she missed her turn bowling. I was volunteered to assume this task since I have not picked up a bowling ball in 25 years. I did not disappoint: a total of 4 gutter balls on 2 separate games took the wind out of Meghann's competitive sails. For the 6 or 7 of us non-bowlers that were sitting at the back of the room watching everyone bowl, we were entertained with the impressive dance moves of Rachel Bem. When the digital jukebox in the room played Rachel's tune, she was all about showcasing her groove. She didn't miss a beat - even when Char's phone came out and started recording her. We love ya Rachel!

Side Note: Many people commented about how much they liked the way the tri tips were seasoned. As you may or may not know, I am now the new go-to food girl for Forest Fest. Cherie McRae is moving out of state and I will be filling her shoes. So this year's goal is to replicate the tri tip seasoning from the social and try something new this year. As Forest Fest nears, you will see more correspondence from me and I'll be looking for volunteers to help facilitate the food service tasks. I love this club and all the wonderful members that comprise it, so I'm looking forward to this new responsibility.

Sharla Traylor, proud IE4W member

April Club Social Photos



AAT Maintenance Plan Survey Day Trip Report

2N27 Y, 2N28Y, 2N29Y – 3N03A

4/14/17

Members

Jim Miller

Jim and Sue Sloan

Todd Vargason

Guests

Robert Berg

On Friday the 14th we met at the McDonalds in Arrowhead to plan our day. We started our trails survey on the Y trails in the Arrowhead area. The main problems on these trails are erosion and signage. The heavy rains of last winter caused damage to the rolling dips that our club added to the trail in the past to divert the water to cause the least damage to the trail. The signage on the trail also needs to be replaced, cleaned, painted and decals replaced. As usual, there was very little trash on these trails, they are not as heavily used at our others. We completed these trails and headed to our next adopted trail, Horse Thief Canyon. We stopped for a picnic at the Fawnskin park on the way. We then started on our way to Horse Thief. After airing down again, we started the survey process. We noted the areas where large trash items need to be collected. The trail was in better shape that some trips, until..... we came upon the abandoned/stolen Honda waaaay down the trail, just past the by-pass. After taking photos of the car, we turned around, as it was getting late in the afternoon. Jim Miller and Jim and I headed to the Mountaintop Ranger Station to make a report to the authorities.

Jim and Sue Sloan





Moab & Monument Valley, April 21 - 29, 2017

Randy & Roxann Stockberger- Trail Leader & Trip Advisor

Members: Cindy Coffin, Debbie Coffin & Maritta Aspen, Rick & Tammy Clay and Brother Curt Carlson, Loren Campbell & Joe Martinez, Craig & Char Hart, Don McDonald & Jackie Sorcic, Larry & Cheri McRae, Jim & Teri Patterson.

We set out on an awesome adventure to Moab & Monument Valley. Our Trail Leader/ Trip Advisor, Randy Stockberger and his high spirited side kick, Roxann, planned the trip and trails. We did Poison Spider, Golden Bar, Golden Crack, Dead Horse Point, Moab Rim, Hell's Revenge and Pritchett Canyon. Randy picked up a super stylish boot for his right foot on Hell's Revenge!

Then we went on to Monument Valley, where we stayed at probably one of the most majestic RV Parks in the U.S. The scenery was off the charts! Randy arranged for a two day tour through Monument Valley Navajo Land, trails not open to the public without a Navajo trail guide. Our Navajo trail guide was incredible- super informative and even invited us back to her Hogan (pronounced Ho Gone), where she served us an authentic Navajo fry bread taco dinner. It was a trip of a lifetime, EPIC for sure! Thanks so much Randy!





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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.