

# LOW RANGE RAMBLIN'

**February 2019**

**A Publication of:**

**Inland Empire 4 Wheelers**

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## WHO IS IE4W?

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!

# President's Corner

By Teri Patterson

## Presidents Message

Well we are into our 2nd month of the new year and so far it looks to be a busy one.

In a couple of weeks will be the infamous Powder Puff run, I hope all the (new) ladies have dusted off or found their dresses, I can't wait to meet them. If you have any questions contact Bill or Karen Henry.

Forest Fest preparations are under way and going strong. Think about where you would like to help out at this year and/or try something new.

"Life is like the ocean, it goes up and down".

Teri Patterson



# 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.

Odd numbered months are the IE4W social event. Please check the club calendar for details.



The IE4W Roundup is held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. 6:00—9:00pm

Surfer Joes' Pizza

251 E. Redlands Blvd.

## 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

Sun 27	Mon 28	Tue 29	Wed 30	Thu 31	Fri Feb 1	Sat 2
	Bryan Harris Jim & Sue Sloan	Randy Stockberger				Ron Flemming
3	4	5	Cindy Holley Kim Owen	7	Mallory Jordan	9
10	11	6pm Round Up 	13	Curtiss Freeman Kellie Russell Valentine's Day 	Lake Morena - Bill Henry	16
Lake Morena - Bill Hen	Presidents Day 	Bobbie Holley Joe Martinez Sharla Traylor	Tim Kemp	Carl Lhamon Lynette Caslano		23
24	25	26	27	Jim Sloan Mark Ogaz	Mar 1 Bob Peterson	2

**Please go to IE4W forums to read trail leader messages, run descriptions, meeting places, and minimum requirements.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- February 15-17 Lake Morena—Bill Henrey
- March 2019—Mark Ogaz Poker Run
- April 12-13 - Chaun Goldberg - possibly Sand Hollow in Utah
- May - Memorial Day Weekend - Taboose Creek - Mark Ogaz

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

No one likes winter wedding?

**CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

- Debbie & Cindy Coffin '14
- Steven & Amber Soliz '14
- Neil Stratton '14



# Safety Report

By Jerry Burgess

## Electronic Stability Control = OFF?

### **FREEING A STUCK VEHICLE** (*WHAT TO DO IN EMERGENCIES p.495*)

If your vehicle becomes stuck in mud, sand or snow, it can often be moved by a rocking motion. Turn your steering wheel right and left to clear the area around the front wheels. Then shift back and forth between DRIVE/ 1st gear and REVERSE. Using minimal accelerator pedal pressure to maintain the rocking motion, without spinning the wheels, is most effective.

**NOTE:** If your vehicle is equipped with Traction Control or Electronic Stability Control (ESC), turn the system OFF before attempting to “rock” the vehicle.

### **CAUTION!**

• When “rocking” a stuck vehicle by moving between DRIVE/1st gear and REVERSE, do not spin the wheels faster than 15 mph (24 km/h), or drivetrain damage may result.

**NOTE:** To improve the vehicle’s traction when driving with snow chains, or starting off in deep snow, sand, or gravel, it may be desirable to switch to the “Partial Off” mode by pressing the ESC OFF switch. Once the situation requiring ESC to be switched to the “Partial Off” mode is overcome, turn ESC back on by momentarily pressing the ESC OFF switch. This may be done while the vehicle is in motion.

### **Disabling ESC For Modified Vehicles (4WD Models Only)** (*STARTING AND OPERATING p.421*)

Vehicles modified with larger tires and/or suspension lifts may experience early ESC activations as compared to a non-modified production vehicle depending on lift size, tire size, suspension changes and/or driving habits. If early ESC activations are experienced while driving a modified vehicle, the additional ability to permanently turn off ESC is available. A steering wheel/ESC button maneuver must be performed to permanently disable ESC and defeat the functionality of the ESC switch. Repeating the procedure will return the system to normal ESC operation and restore ESC switch functionality allowing ESC “Partial” or “Off” modes.

The following procedure will disable (or re-enable) ESC functionality in the vehicle:

1. Shift the transfer case into the 4H range position.
2. Turn the steering wheel until it is centered and the wheels are pointed straight ahead.
3. Cycle the ignition key OFF to ON.
4. Wait approximately five seconds for the system bulb check.
5. Turn and hold the steering wheel one-half turn to the right (clockwise).
6. Press and hold the ESC OFF button for seven seconds.
7. Turn the steering wheel back to center, and turn and hold an additional one-half turn to the left (counterclockwise).
8. Press and hold the ESC OFF button for seven seconds.
9. Turn the steering wheel back to center.
10. Press and hold the ESC OFF button for seven seconds.
11. Cycle the ignition key to OFF.

After performing the ESC disable procedure correctly, “ESC OFF” will be displayed in the odometer for approximately 12 seconds each time the ignition is moved to ON. Repeating the ESC disable procedure will reenable normal ESC operation.



## Board of Directors

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**The Inland Empire Four Wheels regular business meeting is held the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM**

**The Redlands Elks Lodge**

**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.**



# Trip Reports

After Christmas Run(s) 12/26/2018-  
1/1/2019 Cougar Butte  
Kevin Rice



Arrived on 12/26 about noon, with John and Ming Letzkus. Set up camp and went out on some of Bull Frog.

AS POSTED the next 5 days, runs leaving at 9am. 2 to 6 rigs per day. Runs to Shaft Canyon, Hammer Down, Cake Walk, Split Finger, Bull Frog, Competition Area, some a few times. Members; Kevin Rice, Barbara Bongiorno, John and Ming Letzkus, Kevin Strong, Alex Rodriguez, Steve and Amber Soliz, Todd Vargason.

Guests; Harlan Tsui, Tim Glider, Hilary Ladd, Jeff Riley, Jill Sontag, Jamie Duncanson with family, Adrienne and Sherry Morrow. Some moderate runs, some more difficult. Everyone said they had a good time. Campfires on 3 nights. We had a great time! See you next time.



# Trip Reports

## Gold Mountain and Little John Bull

Cindy and Debbie Coffin

1-24-2019



Trail Leader: Cindy Coffin,  
Debbie Coffin

Tail Gunner: Loren Campbell,  
Joe Martinez.

Bob Berg and Robin Reed



We met at Grizzly Manor for breakfast at 8:30. It was good food and as always crowded there. We got to the trailhead at 9:30 ish. Aired down, had a "brief" drivers meeting and hit the trail. Made it through every obstacle with no problems and no breakage. Yay. We then proceeded to Little John Bull and the Squeeze. it turned into a snow, ice and mud run. Nothing better. Stopped for lunch after exiting from the Squeeze. Made our way out on Polique Cyn Rd. Extremely muddy and very deep puddles that were still somewhat iced over. But nothing makes for a happy jeep like some mud. The weather was phenomenal. Another beautiful day in paradise. Thanks for a good run everyone, had a blast.





## Superstition Mountain

Mark & Peggy Ogaz

1-19,20-2019

# Trip Reports

Inland Empire 4 Wheelers Run Report

January 19-20, Superstition Mountain with San Diego 4 Wheelers

Trail Leaders Mark and Peggy Ogaz

Tail Gunner Kevin Strong

Guest:

Keith and Carol Lefever

Peggy and I drove out Friday night and camped Friday and Saturday nights with SD4W. Keith also came out Friday for the weekend and Kevin showed up for the run Saturday.

We signed up for Black Cat West to East. The trail was rated a 3+ out of 5 but, felt more like a 2+.

We spent the day going through tight canyons and boulder fields. There was a quick side trip to Jamie's Crack. This small loop was dug out and flexed the Jeeps to their max.

It was a fun day with a great raffle and campfire at the end.

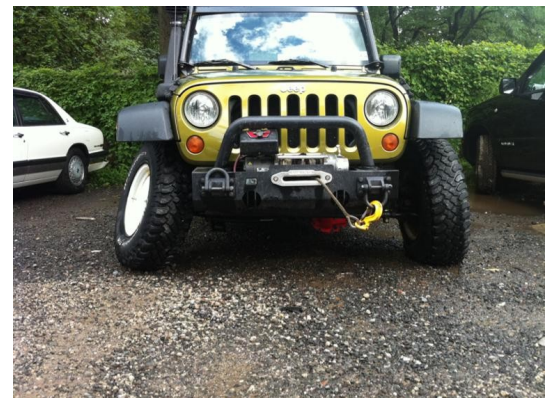


## NO REPORT RUNS

AS MUCH AS WE APPRECIATE OUR RUN LEADERS, FORTHCOMING NEWSLETTERS  
MAY INCLUDE SOME RIDICULE OF "THE NON POSTERS"

January Club Run to Calico was canceled

Bob Peterson



Cindy Coffin  
Secretary, IE4W

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Minutes  
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Pledge of Allegiance led by Karen Henry

Introduction of guests - Mike and Jennifer Ewing, Jeff Riley, Jim Marshay, Rhett Nelson, Jen and Scott Atwood, David Sterling, Naomi Muha, Keith Lefvre, and John Padilla

Secretary's Report - Cindy Coffin - roster being passed around after the break. Motioned by Randy Stockberger and seconded by George Stauber to accept minutes as published. Motion passed

Treasurers Report - Dani Goldberg - Cash on hand \$64,326.18. Motioned by Randy Stockberger and seconded by Ron Fleming to pay bills. Motion passed.

Vice President and land use report - Loren Campbell - reported that BLM districts will be by area and interim Forest Service chief expected to be voted on as a permanent appointment.

Merchandise - Kevin Strong - BBFF priced at \$5.00. Also Patagonia lunch bags are free.

Newsletter - Todd Vargason - submit items of interest to be included in Newsletter.

Membership - Joe Martinez - has membership packets and le4W business cards for members

Hospitality - Kay Stauber - all is hospitable

Forest Fest - Tim Kemp - 1st committee meeting held last week. Core group is set but needs EVERYONE to step up. Also please fill out form that is on the forums and linked to google. Contracts are being reworked with Forest Service. Process will be streamlined. Members will need to register ASAP. There will be no Friday afternoon runs anymore but Friday night runs will still continue. Also, there will be NO alcohol in vendor areas.

Round-up - Darryl and Mallory Jordon - will be Jan 8, at Surfer Joes. Ramp will be there

Adopt a Trail - Ken Ehlers - no report - all has been quiet on the Adopt a Trail website.

Historian - Jackie Sorcic - not present

Scholarship - Tim Kemp - requests being sent to high schools and Junior Colleges. If anyone has a school that might be interested in le4W scholarships, please let Tim know.

Safety - Jerry Burgess - first aid kit returned - spoke about traction control and there is an article in the newsletter.

Report on Past Runs

December 15-16 - Kevin Rice (not present) - Cougar Buttes and also December 26 - Jeff Riley and Kevin Strong reported.

Calimesa Xmas Parade - Doug Russell (not present) - Nancy Kenny reported - 6 Jeeps participated.

BREAK - refreshments provided by Tim Kemp - February will be provided by Joe Martinez.



# Meeting Minutes

Future Runs - Randy Stockberger

Jan 11-13 - Calico - Bob Peterson

Jan 28 - Superstition Mountain - Mark Ogaz

Feb 15-17 - Lake Moreno - Powder Puff Run - Karen Henry -

March 23 - poker run - Mark Ogaz

April 12-13 - Chaun Goldberg - possibly Sand Hollow in Utah

May - Memorial Day Weekend - Taboose Creek - Mark Ogaz

June - Forest Fest - Fathers Day Weekend - EVERYONE - everyone will be trail guiding

July 27 - All 4 Fun - Buena Vista, Colorado - Loren Campbell - registration is now open

Monthly Club Run will be led by Robin Reed - TBD

Future Events

Jan 19 & 20 - EcoKrawl Event - Teri printed out information

Old Business

Loren Campbell - Ie4W challenge - Kangaroo Kamp has raised \$2347 of \$2500. CORVA has raised \$3318 of \$5000 and Operation Safe House has raised \$17,000.

New Business - Bob Berg - will be doing a run to Moab in late March. Will put info on forums. Also club picture will be taken at February's meeting. Wear Club colors.

Sheriff's Report - Bill Henry - numerous fines for club colors and various other infractions.

Raffle prizes provided by Karen Henry. February will be provided by Chaun Goldberg.

Motioned by Russ Deer and seconded by Ron Fleming to adjourn meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Coffin, Ie4W Secretary



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