

Low Range Ramblin'

a publication of:

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: Steve Owen

President's Corner by Loren Campbell



Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men and women are created equal.

When: 11/7/14 - 11/8/14
Run: Hump N Bump

Members:
Mark and Peggy Ogaz - 2013 JK
Bob and Karen Peterson - TJ

Guest:
Vegas Valley 4 Wheelers and their guests

We arrived Thursday night for runs on Friday and Saturday.
Friday Mark and Peggy did the Matterhorn run.
Bob and Karen did the 13 mile run.

On Saturday both couples did the same run and then attended the dinner provided by Roadkill Grill.
After dinner VV4W had a raffle with some nice prizes.

IE4W Business Meeting – December 4th, 2014

Open Meeting – Called to Order by President Loren Campbell at Grand Terrace Community Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Henry.

The secretary's minutes were approved for the November 2014 meeting as published on-line, on the website and in Low Range Ramblin'.

The guests in attendance were as follows: Jamie Duncanson of Riverside, Bobby Holley of Riverside, Kristian Lee of Fontana, Tom and Lesa Maugh of Upland, Christopher McConkey of Riverside, Ed Reichardt of Chino, Scott Schoby of Norco, Mike Sullivan of Lucerne Valley, Todd Vargason of Rancho Cucamonga.

Reports

Treasurer Report - Mike Moore present – The club started November with \$33,040.69. During the past month income was \$323.00 and expenditures were \$4,436.55. The club ended the month with \$28,927.14. Income included merchandise sales \$207.00, fines \$9.00, and raffle \$107.00. Expenditures included Donations \$4,000.00 and the usual bills for monthly expenses. New bills were presented.

Secretary Report - Kris Yaryan present. Please remember to turn in your trip reports. Also, Jim Miller needs the completed adopt-a-trail forms turned in as soon as possible after each run.

The sign in sheets were started around.

VP Report – Sue Sloan present

Land Use – CORVA representatives Linda Wucherpfennig, Clayton Nolan, and Jim and Roberta Woods were present. Linda spoke about PEER, Public Employees Environmental Responsibility. Clayton and Linda spoke about the DRECP, Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan, and how vital the public comments are in our plight to keep our trails open. CORVA will be having a comments workshop in order to educate the OHV community about the importance of our comments. Jim Woods, the past president and current Southern Director for CORVA spoke about Johnson Valley. He also spoke about a Wilderness Bill that Diane Feinstein is working on. Linda encouraged our members to become CORVA members.

Merchandise Report –Peggy Ogaz present - The club flags are here.

Membership – Barbara Bongiorno present – She has new member packets available. Please remember to get your meeting and run attendance signed off on your membership application.

Forest Fest – Mike Moore present – Mike is still working on getting a permit application.

Hospitality Report –Craig Hart present.

Round-Up Report – Bill Henry present – Round-Up is Tuesday, December 9th at 6:00pm at Graziano's Pizza. The ramp will be there. 4 West will sponsor the game.

The January Round-Up will be on Saturday January 17th at 2:00 pm at Fiesta Village in Colton. It will be miniature golf and a poker run.

Board of Directors

President	Loren Campbell president@ie4w.com
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Sheriff	George Biddlecombe sheriff@ie4w.com
Trail Boss	Jim Sloan bobcatjim@yahoo.com

The cost will be \$6 per person if we have 50 people or over, or \$7 per person if we have under 50 people. The discounted price is for a single transaction, so please bring exact change for Rick . There is no child or senior discount. We will be going to Rosa Maria's in Highland immediately following the game.

AAT Report – Jim Miller present – Please remember to turn in your AAT hours to Jim Miller in a timely manner. Jim will keep a running tally of the club AAT hours and give a report at the monthly business meeting.**Upcoming Club Runs & Events**

December 6	IE4W Christmas Party
December 7	Jerry Rogers memorial run
December 13	Yucaipa Christmas Parade – Jim and Sue Sloan
December 14	Maldonado's Christmas cookie party
December 26	New Year's run -Truckhaven – Jim and Sue Sloan
January 10	CORVA Truckhaven Challenge
January 24	Cougar Buttes - Evan Owen
February 14-16	Calico - Bob Peterson

Website Report – Steve Owen absent. Please send trip reports, pictures and anything for the website to his personal e-mail address. kpfamilydoc@yahoo.com

Newsletter Report – Teri Patterson present – Please carbon copy Teri on the trip reports, pictures etc. that are sent to Steve Owen. JimTeri2000@yahoo.com Please get your reports in as soon as possible.

Scholarship – Mallory Jordon absent. Darryl Jordon reported that Mallory has changed the procedure for mailing out flyers to high schools. In previous year, a cover letter and the application were mailed out. This year she only mailed the cover letter which includes instructions on how to get the application on the website. She wants to encourage club members to get the information out via other OHV community sites and forums. Tom Thompson suggested that Forest Fest, and the sponsors, should be mentioned when posting about the scholarship.

Safety - Jerry Burgess present – Prospective club members, please see Jerry when you are prepared to have your vehicle inspection prior to membership vote. Jerry spoke about truth or consequences.

Historical Report – Tim Kemp absent.

Break – Morgan and Laura Hertel brought the snacks. Barbara Bongiorno will bring snacks next month.

November runs – There were a total of 7 club runs in November.

New Business –Morgan Hertel is working on getting a Ham class set up and has a sign in sheet for those who are interested.

Sheriff's Report – George Biddlecombe present. Raycn123 and Rob Bucacek-hacked: Char and Craig Hart and Darryl Jordon-early departure: Jennifer Traven-telephone; Debbie and Cindy Coffin-broken brake line: Rick Clay and Kevin Strong-winch: Jerry Burgess-cut tire: Mike Ortega-misspelling of winch: Mike Sullivan-tire problem and getting lost: Jim Miller-no CB antenna: Bill Henry, Mike and Monica Ortega, Morgan and Laura



Hertel, Kevin Strong, Todd "Vargy" Vargason, and Scott Schoby-heckling Jim Miller on AAT: Todd Farrell-flopped Bo's Jeep (double fine): Loren Campbell-trying to close meeting before raffle was held.

Raffle – The raffle prizes were provided by Joe Martinez. Next month they will be provided by Morgan and Laura Hertel.

Closed Session – Curt and Kim Harmon were voted into the club.

Submitted by Kris Yaryan, IE4W Secretary



Sheriff - \$51
 Raffle - \$310
 Merchandise - \$1,017
 44 Memberships represented
 10 Guests

JANUARY 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1 New Year's Day Chad Lynn	2 George Biddlecomb	3	4 Scott & Monique Chadwick
5	6	7 Broxton Strong Koleston Strong	8 Club Meeting Marvin McQuown	9 George & Kay Staut	10	11 Angelina Rodrique
12 Mike Rubio	13 Dean Hilleman	14 Derek Rist Ryan LaBusch	15 Bo Parham	16	17 IE4W Miniature Golf	18
19	20	21 Adopt a Trail Meeting Mike & Camile Rubio	22 Bill Henry	23 Couper Chadwick	24 Evan's Run	25 Cheri McRae
26 Justin Burke John & Jennifer Traven	27	28 Jim & Sue Sloan	29 Randy Stockberger	30 Matina Nunnally	31	

Upcoming Events

<p>Jan 17th Miniature Golf</p> <p>Jan 21st Adopt a Trail Meeting</p> <p>Jan 24 Club Run (Evan)</p>	<p>Feb 13-15 Calico Run</p> <p>March 6-8 Tierra Del Sol</p> <p>March 28th Corva Family Run</p>
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****NOTE FROM EDITOR:** Please send any information, trail reports and pictures to the editor @ newsletter@ie4w.com or you can send directly to me @ jimteri2000@yahoo.com . This is the only way to make your Newsletters thrive.

Wheel In Winter - Come Home Alive

by Jerry Burgess

Winter is here, so are conditions and equipment requirements not to be seen in the summer months. A recent article was published in a couple off highway magazines that brought up some very relevant points, worthy of repeating here.

FIVE VEHICLE CONSIDERATIONS FOR SNOW

[1] Flexible Tires With Tall Sidewalls

There are two different schools of thought on tires for the snow. Tall, skinny tires with a small contact patch and high pressure are useful on icy roads and shallow snow, where you want to get down to the pavement beneath. Deep snow is a totally different animal, where the wider the tire the better to float on top with lower air pressures.

[2] Cooling System

It might seem counter-intuitive that you need a good cooling system in single digit temperatures. Snow provides a high amount of resistance that puts your engine and transmission under a tremendous load. Breaking trail is particularly hard on the cooling system, so alternate who is in front when wheeling with a group.

[3] Locking Differentials

It is tough to get far in the deep snow with open differentials. Lockers are the way to go. Turn off the lockers on off-camber terrain where both tires turning might allow the vehicle to slide downhill.

[4] Winch

It might take longer to winch to a rock or a tree, but you have a better chance of getting unstuck or pulling in a direction other than straight forward or straight backwards. Tree saver straps, D-rings, and a snatch block can all come in handy in the snow for complicated recoveries.

[5] Lighting

One of the most important techniques in snow wheeling is being able to “read” the snow. Soft, wet snow in the sun is quite different than hard, cold snow that is found after the sun goes down on short winter days. Lighting is key to reading the terrain and getting back to camp safely. LED lights are a great choice since they are waterproof and draw very little current, which is useful when you are running your wipers, heater, and other power hungry accessories.

FIVE ACCESSORIES TO BRING SNOW WHEELING

[1] Snow shovel

A snow-specific shovel with a wide scoop will allow you to dig out snow around the axles and frame to free them when you get high centered in the snow. Getting stuck is a matter of when, not if, when it comes to the snow.

[2] Recovery Strap

A kinetic strap that will stretch is a better choice for this task than a “tow” strap that can shock load the recovery points on your vehicle. Sturdy recovery points both front and rear and some D-rings are necessary to use your snatch strap properly. Don't tie it around suspension or steering components or you may end up with worse problems than just being stuck.



[3] Air Compressor

Running single digit air pressures exponentially increases the likelihood of losing a tire off the bead. There are three basic varieties of air sources: electric, belt driven, and compressed CO2. Electric pumps are inexpensive and portable, better suited for airing up tires than reseating beads. Belt driven compressors flow a lot of air, and with an auxiliary tank they can easily reseal a tire. CO2 tanks have plenty of power to reseal a tire on the rim.

[4] Radio/CB/Phone

Communication is critical on the trail. CB radios are helpful for close range communication, and HAM radios are great for longer-range communications, but they do require a license to operate. Always let someone know where you are going and when to expect you home so they can send out the search party if you don't return.

[5] Traction Mats

While a shovel will get you out of most situations, traction mats can help you get up on top of the snow after you have busted through the crust. Tie a parachute cord to ramps and looped the other end around our bumper so once we get moving we don't have to stop again to recover the mats.



FIVE PERSONAL ITEMS TO BRING SNOW WHEELING

[1] Proper Clothing

“Cotton kills” because it loses its insulating properties once it gets wet. Wool and synthetic materials like fleece do not suffer from this problem, so bring waterproof jackets, stocking caps to keep your head warm, and insulated gloves. Dress in layers in order to easily shed or retain heat, and focus on synthetic materials, such as inner layers that wick away moisture from your body and outer layers that repel water and wind. Spare clothes are never a bad idea as they do not take up much room or weigh very much.

[2] Warm Boots

Footwear can be tricky because you want it to be warm and waterproof, but at the same time if you are driving you don't want a bulky insulated boot that results in the gas and brake pedals being depressed at the same time. Meindl and Danner boots are good, but they are not cheap.

[3] Goggles

If you have an open top vehicle like a buggy or a Jeep, goggles are essential for snow wheeling. Even if you have an enclosed vehicle though, goggles with tinted lenses can be useful in sunny conditions and when you exit your vehicle, particularly if it is windy.

[4] Food and Water

Not just any food, bring warm drinks in a Thermos and energy bars that are high in calories to keep you warm and are easy to pack and to eat on the trail. Skip the alcohol when snow wheeling, as it can actually lower the temperature of your body and make you colder. Instead, drink plenty of water to stay hydrated, as it will help keep you warm.

[5] Sleeping Bag

Having a sleeping bag with you is cheap insurance, and if you or your passengers get cold the sleeping bag can be useful for warming up even if you are not sleeping. Just like with clothing, cotton and down sleeping bags lose their insulating properties when they are wet, so you are better off with synthetic materials. A tarp or space blanket can be helpful as well to keep the sleeping bag dry. A poncho or space blanket can also be used to keep you dry, which helps keep you warm. These are useful to wear, use as a ground cloth, or throw them under your vehicle if you have to wrench on it.

Adopt a Trail Pictures from Nov 23, 2014

by Jim Miller



ie4w Thanksgiving Weekend Run on Claw Hammer at Johnson Valley...

Members:

Mike & Monica Ortega

Jim & Sue Sloan

Neil & Megan Stratton

Craig & Char Hart

Kevin Strong

Kevin Rice & Barbara Bongiorno

Guest:

Mike & Nicole Sullivan with Son John

Friday:

We meet Kevin, Barbara & Kevin Strong and also Mike & Nicole Sullivan on the lake bed in Johnson Valley Friday afternoon, this was our day to hang around and enjoy some campfire stories.

Saturday:

Saturday Morning we all meet at the Campground off Boone Road in Johnson Valley a little after 8am. We had our drivers meeting approx 8:30 and got our run order – Mike & Monica – Jim & Sue - Neal & Megan – Craig & Char – Kevin Strong - Kevin & Barbara – Mike & Nicole ... We headed out and got to the bottom of Claw Hammer around 9:30.

We all made it pass the 1st waterfall section easily thanks to the great spotting of our



guest Mike Sullivan. The 2nd Waterfall was a different story... With some careful finessing of tire placement on the large boulders, the first four rigs made it. When it was Kevin Strong's turn he just didn't have the flex to make it and got hung up pretty good, so we had to have Craig turn his Jeep around to hook up a wench line (Kevin has no wench, but I'm sure he will now soon) to Kevin's front bumper to pull him the rest of the way up with success. Mike & Nicole's son John drove the monster full size rock crawler, and when he attempted the waterfall he ended up cutting his sidewall. As we were putting many many plugs in the tire, 4 Ultra4 Buggies caught up to us, so we let them pass the group. They ended up running a canyon called "Lots of Love".

By this time we were over half way up Claw Hammer and thought the rest of the way would have been a "cake walk" – HaHa think again!! About 300

yards from the top there was several loose very large and sharp boulders in the middle of this very steep and narrow path up. Here it took a little time to navigate through this section, thanks again to Guest Mike Sullivan for helping with spotting. Kevin ended up getting strapped

from Craig through the last part of this loose boulders section. The top of Claw Hammer was easily conquered after this last section, at

this time we broke for a well needed lunch break around 1pm. From the time it took to run Claw Hammer we all agreed to make a motion to "End the Run" now and not to do Fissure Mountain as this trail will take some time getting through. Mike Sullivan mentioned that there is a mine close by if anyone would be interested in seeing this; it is off the easy section of road.





Everyone said yes, so we left to check out this Mine.... Well apparently Mike wasn't exactly sure where this mine is as he was leading us to Highway 20.... And this is NOT GOOD... As this trail started up and down a very steep, rocky gully that leads you to the bottom of the canyon, before Mike made the final turn down the canyon wall (point of no return) he got out and looked. He quickly walked toward me and said this isn't the trail to the Mine, Monica and I said *"We know, this is the start of Highway 20 according to our Buggies GPS"* So we all turned around and just headed back to Camp... We all mingled for a few after the run, then Jim & Sue, Craig & Char, Neil & Megan packed up and headed out as the rest stayed for the campfire...

It was a GREAT Day Wheelin' with our ie4w Family!
Mike & Monica Ortega



Yucaipa Lions Club 60th Annual Christmas Parade

After worrying about the weather for a week, the morning of the parade dawned to a beautiful day in Yucaipa. One last downpour left us with mud in our backyard that was still deep, but were wheelers! Everyone decorated their rigs while enjoying breakfast made by Jim and Elf Kellie. John Maldonado went uptown to get our line-up location at 9:00 AM, which was ideal, so we waited to head up to the parade route until after 10:00 AM. We were #29 in the line-up, which included 90+ entries, so the wait wasn't as long as years past. The crowd was huge and they cheered and took pictures and video throughout the entire route. Unfortunately, Russ and Karen broke a part one block away from the end of the parade and had to wait for a tow truck. Thanks to Bill and Karen, who stayed with them. A huge thanks to our elves who came early on Saturday morning to help set-up, as we were unable to do so early due to the rain, Loren, Joe, Doug, John, Cindy and Kris.

Jim and Sue Sloan

Doug and Kellie Russell

George and Kay Stauber

Craig and Char Hart

Jim and Teri Patterson

Kevin and Challyn Strong and the boys

Loren Campbell and Joe Martinez

Matt and Sue Martel

Joe and Mary Muhs + 3

Bill and Rachel Bem

Kris Yaryan

Tony, Cindy and Ian Nunnally and Jennifer and Johnny and McRae

Barbara Bongiorno and Kevin Rice

Curtiss Freeman and his cousin

Don McDonald and Jackie Sorcic

Tom and Sherie Thompson

Russ and Karen Deer

John and Cindy Maldonado

Neal Stratton and Meghann Aynsley

Chaun and Dani Goldberg

Bill Henry and Karen Cramer

Bob and Karen Peterson



Dec 14 Cougar Buttes run.

Trail leader Kevin Rice Tail Gunner Neil Stratton Members; Steven Soliz, Alex Rodriguez, Curtis Freeman,
 Guests: Todd and Randy Eves, Kristian Lee Myself, Curtis, Todd, Randy met at Johnie D's at 7. After breakfast we left about 8. Stopped for gas. Got out to Camp Rock road aired down. Got a call from Steve wanting to meet us at Chicken Rock. We went out there first and played on it for a few minutes. Went over to the start of Hammer down. Only Curtis had been on it. We walked the first one third of the trail. It was harder than it looked. Some very excellent spotting from Steve I made it up the first section. Went back to help. It took a while to get through, a couple scratches and a got to the next section. It was great to have such great rigs! Next was a choice of lines and all

were difficult. We made a adjustment and went onto the downhill. (after airing up Kristen's tire) He did a great job through the hardest line. After the next section we got done and picked up the parts. A few lenses. The next part up the waterfall, was very interesting and had to winch Curtis. He has a stock height FJ80 and was great! Finally got past the last downhill waterfall with a hard turn. Lots of backups and spotting we all got down. Found the road back to Chicken Rock. Neil and Todd had to go. It was 3:30. The rest of us went over to Cake walk and did some of Bullfrog. Some of V notches on Cake walk are great for flexing rig pic;s. Got out of the trail at 4:45 and headed back to Chicken Rock. Steve had his trailer. All rigs worked so well. It was a great day! I will be on the club run next month. Pic's are on yahoo groups.



Come Join Us For The First & Probably Only Miniature Golf Tournament.

(due to being kicked off the course!) There Will Also Be A Slight Twist To This Tournament, This Will Also Be A Poker Walk (Can't Call It A Poker Run Cause I'am Not Running). No Cheating Will Be Permitted (I Will Be Watching)

Sponsor: 4WEST 4 Wheel Drive
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 909-824-0024
 Colton, Ca. 92324
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Date: January 17th 2015 (Happy New Year!!!)
 Place: Fiesta Village Colton, California 92324
 1405 E. Washington St.
www.FiesteVillage.com

Time: We are Asking Everyone To Be There At 2:00PM For A 2:30 Tee Time.

Cost: Pending How Many Attend Cost Will Be \$7.00 Per Person If We Have 50 Or Less, If we Have 50+ (Witch Since This Is The Best 4 Wheel Drive Club Period & Most Active) The cost Will Be \$6.00 Per Person. In Order To Get This Special Price, It Must Be A Single Payer Transaction, So You Will Pay Me Not Fiesta Village. (So Please Bring Cash And The Exact Amount Would Be Great!)

Who?: YOU! Everyone Is Invited! Members, Families, & Guests

After: We Are Planning On Everyone Going Up To Rosa Maria's In Highland For The Best Burrito's Around. Bob Yaryan, 5 Year Club Member, Is The Warehouse Manager For This Awesome Company. If You Haven't Eaten A Rosa Maria's Burrito Then Well You Just Haven't Lived!

Rosa Maria's
 7275 Boulder Ave.
 Highland, Ca. 92346

So We Are Asking That Everyone Drive Your 4 Wheel Drive Vehicle And We Will All Caravan Up To Rosa Maria's RSVP!!! I'm Asking That Everyone RSVP To This E-Mail So That I Can Get A Handle On How Many Will Be Attending!!!

Thanks & Looking Forward To A Fun Time!!!
 Rick Clay
 4WEST 4 Wheel Drive

Three Red Jeeps Snow Run

We started the day off meeting at Angelus Oaks Restaurant for breakfast at 8am.

After warm coffee, good food and great conversation we decided to go where the Snow takes us and headed over to Jacoby Canyon. We then ran Little John Bull and then arrived at the entrance to John Bull. Ken and I watched as Randy made multiple attempts at the entrance, with at least 18" of snow and ice covering the rocks it proved more challenging. Randy had difficulties and was



unsuccessful, stating profusely it could not be done. At this point I felt the need to defend my friend's honor and not let the trail get the best of us. With a little effort and precise tire placement I was able to transcend to the top.



After waiting above for a few minutes and enjoying the view of untainted pristine snow by myself, I realized no one else was coming up. So I worked my way back down to see what the hold up was. I was disappointed to learn that neither Randy nor Ken could make it up. So we turned around



and proceeded thru the Jeep squeeze, the X-Trail, down Holcomb Creek, past Crab Flats and out at Green Valley. It was a fantastic run with plenty of snow, several deep water crossings, beautiful weather and great friends.



Trail Leader: Jim Patterson, Red JK

Tail Gunner: Ken Ehlers, Red LJ

Trail Support: Randy Stockberger, Red CJ



Trails in Big Bear

HOLCOMB CREEK - - trail length 6mi

An interesting hardcore trail that winds along Holcomb Creek. The Rock Garden begins the trail and sets the stage for what's ahead. You can explore a difficult side trail through Lower Largo Flats (F.S. 2N06X). There are many ATV and dirt bike trails in the area but green sticker vehicles not allowed on many main forest roads. No single obstacle stands out on this trail; it's just one challenging boulder field after another. Narrow and tippy in places. Wet tires add to the difficulty as the trail crosses tributaries to Holcomb Creek. You can also increase difficulty by choosing a more aggressive line through the boulders. This trail is not recommended for stock vehicles. Lockers, high ground clearance and undercarriage protection recommended.

DISHPAN SPRINGS - - trail length 4.8mi

This trail is more commonly called The Deep Creek Trail. Although short, it's a great hardcore trail. A very popular area for ATVs and dirt bikes. Great hiking and fishing in the area. Large boulders and steep rocky climbs. Crossing Deep Creek is no longer as difficult as it once was since the forest service laid concrete on the creek bottom.

JACOBY CANYON - - trail length 2.9mi

Many people mistakenly overlook this short but enjoyable trip. The road drops steeply into narrow Jacoby Canyon then winds its way back to Highway 18. On the way out, you pass several boulder outcroppings which serve as outstanding primitive camping spots. Only licensed vehicles allowed on this road. Mostly easy but a bit steep and narrow in places. Suitable for stock 4x4 SUVs with high ground clearance. Slightly more difficult when driven in the opposite direction.

JOHN BULL - - trail length 6.7mi

Considered the toughest trail in the Big Bear area. The tough part is fairly short. Hike a short distance for views of Lucerne Valley. Forest Adventure Large boulders and steep climbs. Lockers and very high ground clearance required. Not for stock SUVs.

GOLD MOUNTAIN - - trail length 4.5mi

Zigzag uphill to the top of 8,235-foot Gold Mountain with improving views at every turn. The route passes through historic gold mining country. No Green Sticker vehicles are allowed. A few sharp rock ledges require that this trail be rated difficult, but most of the trail is moderate. Suitable for some aggressive stock SUVs. Good articulation and skid plates recommended. Watch for a dangerous open vertical mine shaft near the trail.

PILOT ROCK ROAD - - trail length 8.8mi

This route covers the most scenic part of F. S. Road 2N33, which actually starts farther east from a point northwest of Lake Arrowhead. You can also run this route in the opposite direction and continue east on F.S. 2N33 to Pilot Rock near the Pinnacles. Those looking for a difficult trail can drive F.S. Road 2N17X which you'll pass as you complete this route. The first half of the trip is mostly uphill and is steep and rutted in places. The last half is downhill and easy. Suitable for stock 4x4 SUVs with high ground clearance.

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We Thank You for Your Support!



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 Vivienda after the signal light.