

Low Range Ramblin'

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Inland Empire 4 Wheelers



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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



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 Message

I was reflecting back a few days ago on how our club has changed over the years. Most of the people that were around when Roxann and I joined aren't around anymore, however a few of them have remained and I have grown to admire and am proud to call them my friends.

Most of you already know that I'm the Son of a Preacher Man. The Type of ministry my father chose was that of new Church evangelism. We would move to a new city where my parents would help establish a new Church. Once the Church was large enough to support a preacher we would move to another city and start the process anew. We moved around A LOT!! I went to 5 different Elementary Schools, 2 Junior Highs, 5 different High Schools in 2 different states and 3 Colleges. I didn't mind since for me it was normal and a way of life. It was easy to make new friends, or let me take that back. It was easy to make new acquaintances since I was never in one place long enough to make a good friend. Heck, I don't remember anyone from High School or College I can call up right now and talk to. I'm not complaining, just "keeping it real"!



That is something else this club and our way of life has done for me. I now have some great friends to share my adventures, triumphs and even tragedies with. More than just the superficial stuff we put up with daily, but really able to talk about things that matter and make a difference. People I can call when I need help with a project or problem. People I can vacation with or just drop in on unannounced. People that will drop whatever their doing just to lend a hand and know I would do the same. People that know how I feel and what I'm thinking without even saying a word.

My very best friend in the entire world is my wife Roxann, but within the ranks of our club I have a very profound sense of Family and safety. And that make me Happy!!

Proud to Serve,
Randy Stockberger
President

Board of Directors

IE4W Business Meeting – February 13th, 2014

Open Meeting – Called to Order by President Randy Stockberger at the Grand Terrace Community Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jerry Rogers.

The guests stood and introduced themselves. The guests included Debbie Coffin and Cindy Coffin of Simi Valley, Neil Stratton and Meghann Aynsley of Beaumont, Steven and Amber Luna-Soliz of San Bernardino, all of which are up for membership vote tonight. Other guests included Rick Kossoris of Grand Terrace, Gabriella King of Highland with her Dad, Andy, Rick Anderson of Forest Falls, Curt Harmon of Riverside, Kevin Strong of Wildomar and Zachary Beadle of Mentone. The roster sign in sheets started around.

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

Reports

Treasurers Report - Mike Moore present – The club started January with \$15,125.27. During the month income was \$656.00 and expenditures were \$2,915.61. The club ended the month with \$12,865.66. Income included raffle ticket sales (\$273.00), Merchandise (\$356.00) and Sheriff's fines (\$27.00). Expenditures included a \$500 donation to the Ronald McDonald House of Phoenix (presented in the name of the Ehlers), taxes and the usual bills for monthly and quarterly expenses. There were also bills presented by the new Membership chair, Barbara Bongiorno for supplies for the membership packets and \$163 to Malory Jordon for Scholarship application mailing expenses.

VP Report – Land Use – Loren Campbell present – It was announced at the AAT meeting that there is now trail maintenance equipment available for use at the Mill Creek Ranger Station. Thanks to Paul Cook for his help in saving the Hammers. The California Historical Preservation Office has become a threat. They can close things fast. The road maintenance plans need to be done for our adopted trails. Ocotillo Wells problems are still an issue. There is Stage 2 Fire Danger in the mountains now.

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Merchandise Report – Ashley Rist absent, and resigning – Kevin Rice will take over.

Membership – Barbara Bongiorno present – 2 new member packets were given out tonight.

Hospitality Report – Tom and Sherie Thompson absent – but we're still hospitable.

Forest Fest – Mike present– He has met with the new temporary ranger for the SBNF, they are working on our permit. They thought our event was an off-road race last year. If we overpay an estimate for the permit, there will be no refund. Larry McRae of Poison Spyder has offered to sponsor the event antenna flags in full, because a lower cost has been obtained.

Round-Up Report – Bill Henry present –There was a good turnout for the January Round-Up. Rick Clay of 4 West sponsored the prizes for January and George Biddlecombe will supply the prizes for the February event.

AAT Report – Jim Miller and Jim Sloan present – Jim Miller spoke about the special run planned to involve Junior Rangers on March 1st. (Cancelled since due to weather) Please take note of any damage or vandalism on the trail signs in the mountains, difficulty signs have been switched on some trails. Please keep the SBNF Dispatch number handy. It is 909-383-5654.

Upcoming Club Runs – Jim Sloan present

February 14th-16th Peterson's run to Calico – Randy spoke for Bob and he noted that camping would be in Mule Canyon and that Dinner at Peggy Sue's on Saturday night is t h e plan. Phillips Loop is on tap for Saturday and Odessa Canyon will be run on Sunday.

Feb 28th – Mar 2nd Tierra del Sol – IE4W Camping up on the bluff (since changed due to high wind)

March 15th Mallory's Powderpuff run will be to Cleghorn this year.

March 22nd Corva's Family Fun Run will be held at Hungry Valley SVRA, camping will be at Honey Valley Campground. The event will include a Poker Run and raffle

April 12th Kevin Rice volunteered to lead a run to Heartbreak Ridge and Motino Wash

Website Report – Steve Owen absent

Scholarship – Mallory Jordon absent

Historical Report – Tim Kemp absent

Newsletter Report – Teri Patterson has taken over as newsletter editor. Her first edition is available tonight.

Safety - Jerry Burgess present – Jerry asked about the location of the first aid kits. His subject of the month is Joints, as noted in his article in the newsletter this month, "Gota "Joint".

Public Relations – not mentioned

Break – The refreshments were provided this month by Mike and Monica Ortega. Next month the refreshments will be provided by Joe Martinez.

January / Early Feb runs – The club received a Thank You from Steve Gardiner for all the volunteers and the hours they put in at KOH. Randy spoke about his **KOH** experience, among others. He and Jackie Sorcic chafed for the Poison Spyder family. Kevin Rice spoke about meeting folks from the 4 Wheel to Heal group. Please let Kevin know when you have an open seat for an upcoming run and take a vet along for the ride. Mark Ogaz spoke about the **Corva Truckhaven Challenge**, the club manned Stop 4. We tied for 1st place for the best check point. Mark's dog won the best trick competition. Bill Henry and Morgan Hertel spoke about the Rist's **Motino Wash** run. Ron Fleming spoke about his run to **John Bull**.

Old Business – Terry McNeill has scheduled the IE4W Golf Tournament for April 27th. There will be a \$40 fee and it will be a Long Ball / Best Ball scenario. The next Paintball event will be held on March 22nd, to benefit Loma Linda Ronald McDonald House. Contact Doug Russell for more information on this fun event for a good cause.

New Business – Nancy Kenny was approached by the City of Yucaipa for us to show off our rigs at an upcoming Friday Night Yucaipa Farmers Market. She will get options on dates.

Sheriff's Report – Sheriff Tim Kemp absent



Raffle – Mark and Peggy Ogaz provided the prizes this month. Bill and Rachel Bem will bring the prizes next month

Closed Session – Debbie and Cindy Coffin, Neil Stratton and Meghann Aynsley and Steven and Amber Soliz were voted into the club.

Submitted by Sue Sloan, IE4W Secretary



Raffle - \$121
No Sheriff
No Merchandise

38 Memberships represented
13 Guests

CALICO WEEKEND

Whew ! Calico run was a blast what a great group! 30 rigs a new record, trip report coming soon.

Bob





Inland Empire 4 Wheel Drive Club, Inc. camped in Mule Canyon over the Presidents Day weekend. We drove Doran Cyn, Odessa Cyn, Phillips Cyn, and Mule Cyn behind Calico Ghost Town to explore the mining district and have an adventure. If you visit Calico, there is a world of history behind the visible tourist area. These photos should give you an idea of what you will find, and these are only a few places.



All Washed Up, by Jerry Burgess



Over the last few years I have learned one thing, IE4W members love to drive over boulders, crawl up waterfalls, and squeeze through canyons having the least amount of clearance. However, this is the season to remind you why those canyons, waterfalls and boulders exist. They are all evidences of the tremendous erosive power of water. The spring thunderstorms and heavy rainfall on dry ground will cause flash flooding. ANY TIME we are planning a run in a canyon, the weather conditions in the region must be observed. Cloudy conditions in the immediate area may give you a false sense of security when, upstream, there is an angry cell dropping

buckets of rain. Don't think 1 or 2 miles, think farther, much farther.

The photo below shows my Jeep in Arroyo Salada under Highway 86 by Salton City. The Jeep shows the size of the wash under the bridge and yet, the



water filled this wash and flowed over the bridge. Debris is seen on the downstream side of the SB lanes of Hwy 86 in the guard rails.

The safety point on this should be obvious, but for the sake of my article, you DO NOT want to be here when the rain is falling in Borrego Springs, Ocotillo SVRA, or Truckhaven areas. When this wash is raging at capacity, what chance do you have? Flash flooding happens faster than you expect, do not get trapped in washes or canyons without an exit plan. Keep high ground in mind and constantly monitor weather conditions during runs.

Snow Fun Run, 3/1/14

Members:

George "PDiddy" Biddlecombe
Boue "Safari Top" Roller (with daughter "front seat" Scarlet and boyfriend "Do I have to sit in the open back?" Tommy)
Kevin "I've got one" Rice

Guests:

"Slippery" Mike and Linda "Baby its cold outside" Wallace

And Mike's friend Mike "just one name like Cher"

We met up at Kay's café (not diner) in Highland and after a hearty breakfast conducted a quick driver meeting. There were reports of the 18 being closed in the Arctic Circle between Snow Valley and Big Bear Dam. So after considering the options we decided to go ahead and run up 330 to 18 and jump off at Green Valley Lake Rd. and find snow on Crab Flats Rd. 3N16.

Conspicuously absent were Rick "work gets in the way" Clay and Birthday boy, Jim "it's my party and I'll bail if I want to" Sloan.

The drive up was smooth and uneventful. By bringing the group up together we were able to stay together and set the pace through treacherous conditions. Snow started falling on our way up and we stopped off at Valero in Arrowbear to top off and grab last minute items. The lot was slushy but not icy.



We made our turn onto Green Valley Lake Rd. and stopped at the top of Crab Flats Rd to air down in 7 inches of snow and still snowing. We headed off into the snow covered trail making great time because, unlike our trips during the summer, there was NO DUST! Maintaining traction was our only concern and with a few inches of fresh powder we had no problems there. We got to Crab Creek crossing, and the water was around 24" deep, the water coming to the top of my wheel and my tailpipe blub blubbing as we crept across. Quick stop off at Crab Flats campground to find the bathrooms open, and the first of only two times Linda Wallace was seen outside the vehicle during the trip.

The snow thinned out as we descended to Holcomb Creek and looking in at the rock garden it appeared completely passable with no snow at the entrance. We decided to bypass Holcomb Creek Trail and continued on 3N16 and soon were rolling on fresh powder again; until we came upon a large dead tree approx. 50' long lying across the trail. Some tire tracks showed that other traffic had already gone around the obstacle.

The tree had fallen between two trees on the right side of the trail, and we suspected that trying to spin the tree off the trail would result in getting it wedged between the two trees on the right. A quick plan of action was to hook up to the tree and try and break it off by pulling it back toward us. It worked somewhat, breaking off the 10' portion of the tree extending to the left of the trail, but leaving the rest completely covering the trail. The broken part was drug off the side and we tried again resulting in the tree spinning more and pushing against the smaller tree risking breaking that one.

Kevin Boue and I decided we could use a snatch block attached to a large tree off to the left and drag the tree up the hill, and as I was getting my snatch block out Kevin walks by and says “I have one”. We began pulling but that broke a strap, causing the snatch block to come to a rest between my Jeep and the downed tree. Safety precautions had been taken and no one was standing nearby.

It was obvious we needed more power, so, with other travelers piling up, I drove across the snow and anchored the Jeep to the large diameter tree up the hill to the left with a tree strap and shackle. Kevin pulled the winch line down to the tree and we realized we needed a new strap to replace the one that broke. Kevin said “I have one” and even commandeered a shackle off



Boue’s jeep. Now using a double line pull from the Warn M8000 to the snatch block on the fallen tree back to the Poison Spyder bumper on my Jeep, we were able to pull the tree up towards me and clear of the bank on the right side of the trail. Boue then hooked his jeep to the bottom of the tree and was able to yank it to the side allowing a large enough gap for vehicles to pass on the trail.

We packed up and were moving out when I heard that Mike Wallace was having temp issues and he needed some water in his recovery tank. Kevin again says “I have one”, and shows up with a gallon bottle of water for Mike. And we were off again, making good time to Big Pine Flats and beyond, taking time on the radio to play “Grill the Boyfriend”. We stopped under the trees in Holcomb Valley for a very quick lunch break. Mike’s friend, Cher... err, Mike said he had to get back and assured us he could find his way if he

could get to the lake. So after a quick 10-100 stop at Holcomb Valley Campground for another appearance by Linda Wallace, we sent him down Van Dusen Canyon Rd which is a straight shot to North Shore Dr. right by the airport.

We continued east on 3N16 past the pigmy cabin and through multiple deep mud holes and made a right onto Gold Mountain. The climb up the back side was somewhat slick. And if you stopped on a hill you were sure to slide. After some skillful driving by everyone and no accidents, we got all the way to the peak and headed down to the rock quarry. Boue took the bypass as he had no front locker. Mike got a little too close to the edge of the trail and tried using his brakes which caused him to slide off the trail downhill toward a tree. I doubled back and Kevin pulled Mike’s winch line while Mike dug out his controller and I grabbed my tree strap. We quickly had Mike attached to an uphill juniper and he winch/drove it back on flat ground. Underway again we arrived at the rock quarry. The granite, which makes so much noise under the weight of your vehicle during the summer was completely silent with the few inches of snow over the top of it. The only sound was revving engines and spinning tires grappling for whatever traction they could find on the snow slicked, granite climb in the middle. We moved on after hooking back up with Boue, cleared the drop offs and made it to the base of Gold Mountain to air up.

It was a great trip. Thanks again to Boue and Kevin for their help with the downed tree and other trail duties.



TDS Desert Safari 2014



Sherie and I and Carl Lhamon and Kathy Smith arrived Thursday night. We camped with the Poison Spyder crew. Thursday night Larry and Cheri had everyone in their coach for cocktails. The wind began to blow.

Friday morning Mike Moore and Mike Maxson came in. The wind was still blowing. We all went over to the vendor area, went through safety and picked up our registrations. We went back to camp. The wind picked up. At times you could not see 50 feet. Everyone stayed in their coach. We had our stove vent closed and latched and the wind still blew sand through the stove vent. Every little opening in the RV developed its own little sand dune.



Doug Russell and a guest were out wheeling. We also came across a rescue in progress. Five kids in a Cherokee drove

Saturday the wind died down a bit. Carl & Kathy, Sherie & I, Mike Moore and Dana Eastman, (guest) went wheeling over in Truchaven. We watched John Grounds from Poison Spyder on CJ Hill and going up the backdoor to the phone booth. The lip at the top of the phone booth has to be over 3 feet. John was able to crawl both obstacles. On our way back to camp we saw

off a 10 foot ledge into one of the notches and pancaked their rig. A loose tire in the back of their rig added to the mayhem. They took four kids out on back boards and two were air-evacuated.



We went to the raffle Saturday and saw John Maldonado as he was hauling away a big raffle prize.

Sunday, we made bloody Marys for everyone, said our goodbyes and we all headed home.

Wheeling:

Carl Lhamon & Kathy Smith
Mike Moore
Dana Eastman, (guest)
Tom & Sherie Thompson

Saw wheeling:
Doug Russell

Saw winning:
John Maldonado

Tom Thompson



March 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					TDS	1 TDS Bob Peterson Devon Rogers Jesse Roller Nick Miller Stone Ortega
2 TDS	3 Jerry Burgess Jerry & Patti Rogers	4 Dani Goldberg Shawn Gibbs	5	6 Club Meeting Justin Rogers Mike & Kim Petrarca Rob & Devon Rogers	7 Rick Clay	8 Sue Sloan
9 Daylight Savings	10 Shelby Hernandez Kenny	11 Round-Up	12 Sherie Thompson	13	14 Sidewinder Desert Run	15 Sidewinder Desert Run Powderpuff Run Ron Rogers
16	17 St. Patrick's Brandon Lynn Ian Nunnally	18	19	20 Ron Lynn Julio & Laura Monroy	21 Boue & Amy Roller	22 Corva's Family Fun Run Paint Ball John Harding
23	24 Evan Owen Kevin Dahl Tim & Heidi Kemp	25 Kaylee McQuown	26	27	28 San Bernardino Run	29 S.B. Run Diana Mizer Jerry Rogers Karen Deer Todd Farrell
30 S.B. Run Russ Deer Taylor Burke	31 Larry McRae	Upcoming Events				

Feb 28-Mar 2 Tierra del Sol
 Mar 14-17 Sidewinders Desert Run
 March 15- Mallory's Powderpuff Run
 Mar 28-30 Trip Across San Bernardino's
 March 22 Paint Ball (Doug Russell)
 April Run 12 - Heartbreak Ridge & Motino

April 10-13 Parker Jeep Jamboree
 April 13-20 Easter Jeep Safari
 April 27 Golf Tournament
 May 8-10 Big Bear Jeep Jamboree
 June 20-22 Big Bear Forest Fest

COMING SOON ~ Powder Puff Run 2014

Who: IE4W & guests

What: Ladies, gather up your awesome driving skills from last years run (and all the others in between) and jump behind the wheel and make the men ride passenger! Men are welcome to drive, and even more welcome to dress up to blend in with the other lady drivers. Bring your lunch, water, full tank of gas, and appropriate clothes for whatever weather we have. We'll meet at the McDonald's off the



215 off University and leave at 9:00 am. If you would like to eat breakfast there beforehand, please arrive with enough time to do so. Requirements: At least 33" tires, 1 locker, and tow points.

Where: Cleghorn Trail

When: Saturday, March 15, 2014

Why: Because we can!

Any questions, let me know!
Mallory Jordon



BFGoodrich® Tires Announces Call for Entries for 2014 Outstanding Trails Program

BFGoodrich Tires just announced that nominations are now open for the 2014 Outstanding Trails Program. The competition invites off-road clubs from around North America to submit trails in their area they believe are worthy of a grant for maintenance or refurbishing. Trails are selected based on uniqueness, terrain type and enthusiast following.



Up Coming Run ~ Trip Across The San Bernardino's (3 day run)

Hello everyone, i posted this run on facebook and figured i better post it on here as well so everyone can have notice of it.

this run will be a fun run for anyone, i did it with a group of group of friends back in 2010 and had nothing but fun,it is a 3 day run but you can always jump in on any day eel Free to ask any questions, but make sure you read the whole post.

Itinerary;

Friday, Meet at Cleghorn trailhead (@ 15 Fwy) at 8 am air down and hit trail by 8:30, I know we will have plenty of time Friday to finish Cleghorn and Pilot Rock (2N17X) and end up in the Pinnacles staging Area for the night. If time allows and there's plenty of daylight left we can head to devils hole and back to pinnacles to camp for the night.

Saturday;

Hit the trail by 9 am starting on Willow Creek Jeep Trail, leading to Dishpan Springs and onto Holcomb Creek then on over to Holcomb Valley campground for the night.

Sunday;

We will leave the campground at 9 am head out to highway 18 and on over to gold mountain trail head on the south side of the mountain, should be hitting the trail by 9:30 - 9:45 then after Gold Mountain we will hit John Bull then end the day airing up and saying our goodbyes.

Run Requirements:

I'm gonna break down Requirements Day by Day for those that cant make the whole trip,

Friday;

Minimum 31's and 3" Lift (there are bypasses for the hard stuff)

Saturday;

Minimum 31's, Lift, and 1 Locker Recommended

(no locker will be strapped if obstacle is not made by 3rd try No exceptions)

Sunday;

33's for Gold Mountain 1 Locker Required for John Bull

any questions Please post up. Steven and Amber Soliz

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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.