

# Low Range Ramblin'

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## Inland Empire 4 Wheelrs

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### WHO IS IE<sub>4</sub>W?

The Inland Empire 4 Wheelers is a family oriented 4x4 club formed for the enjoyment and preservation of 4 wheeling. We consist mainly of short wheelbase vehicles such as Jeeps, Toyotas, Suzuki's although we do get an occasional long wheelbase vehicle. If you have one of these, expect to go some places where you could possibly



sustain body damage. We have monthly club runs that take us from the deserts to the mountains. We could easily end up in the snow, rocks, or sand. As a club, we are dedicated to the preservation of our public lands and our family sport. We welcome new members to join us!

## IE4W ROUNDUP

Come meet new friends! Bring your 4X4 ! All Four Wheelers welcome, Old Timers and New. Bring the family for dinner & enjoy it with new friends. Find out where to go Four Wheeling! Learn the newest tricks of Four Wheeling. Check out Radical videos & vehicles. Vehicle Safety advice available.

Come Play On Our RTI Ramp! The articulation ramp is a great tool for checking the effect of modifications you have made to your vehicle. For example, it can be used to check brake line length, if your shocks are the correct length for your lift, etc.

From the North, take the Washington Street exit off the Southbound 215 freeway and turn left at the light. From the South, take the Washington Street exit and make two left turns over the freeway. Graziano's is located on the left between McDonald's and Del Taco.

The IE4W Roundup is held the 2nd Tues. of each month from 6-9 PM, at:

Graziano's Pizza Restaurant

1080 E Washington St.

Colton, CA 92324

(909) 824-2770

Odd Numbered Months are the IE4W Social Event. Locations Change. Please see the club calendar for details.



### IE4W WANTS YOU... TO BECOME A MEMBER!!

The Inland Empire Four Wheelers welcome all guests to participate in club functions such as runs, business meetings, Roundups, and social gatherings. However, we would also like to welcome in our guests as full time members. As an IE4W member, you will enjoy certain benefits, just to name a few; you will be allowed to purchase plaques to display on your vehicle, you will be allowed full voting rights for bylaw changes and board of directors elections and look toward some new fun members benefits in the coming months as our membership committee builds new ideas.

The followings are the requirements set forth by the IE4W bylaws for membership requirement: Each prospective member must be 18 years or older, hold a valid driver's license, be the registered owner of a 4x4 vehicle, have the minimum CA insurance coverage, have their vehicle safety inspected, and attend 6 business meeting and drive his or her vehicle in at least 6 official runs (1 being an overnight run and 1 Adopt-A-Trail work trip) within a 12 month period. An official club run consists of 2 or more club members (with the exception of monthly club Runs). Each new member must sign the club's Assumption of Risk Waiver and will pay an annual \$69.00 fee which is used for land use and club events. Each year new land disputes surface and every off-highway recreationalist is beckoned to help support the fight. So, not only will your IE4W membership be a fun, fellowship filled experience, you will also be supporting your right to enjoy off-highway recreational areas for years to come.

IE4W Club Website:

[Http://www.ie4w.com](http://www.ie4w.com) Webmaster



## President's Corner

Hello fellow Wheelers

Well let's talk about that fierce El Niño of 2015-16 season ..... NOT! Well not exactly, we didn't see a whole lot of rain but the rain we saw did some pretty good damage. 3N16 from Green Valley Lake to Crane Flats is still not passable. So as you are out on the pre-runs for Forest Fest keep an eye out for any potential dangerous areas and let Jim Sloan know so he can pass it on to Greg for possible Adopt -A-Trail work projects.

As I am writing this message, I see that Randy has been very busy scheduling the trail crews for Forest Fest. Thanks to all who are participating in this year's Fest, with everybody putting their best foot forward I know this will be another epic Big Bear Forest Fest.

We must remember that there are many individuals out in the public lands that are not real keen with the four wheel drive communities. While leading the April run through Joshua Tree National Park many people stopped and watched the spectacle of rigs drive by. Some seemed to be enjoying it, but, I also noticed a few that had more of a frown. We must remember to tread lightly while traveling through any of our public lands.

Wheel On

Bill Henry



Forest Fest is fast approaching, if you haven't signed up, **NOW** is the time!!!

**IE4W Business Meeting – April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Open Meeting** – Called to Order by President Bill Henry. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Terry McNeill.

The guests in attendance were as follows: Bobby Holley of Riverside, Steve Santa of San Dimas, Bob Berg of Orange, Keith LeFever of Corona, John Dunlap of Riverside, Dan and Dana Flowers of Riverside, John and Angie Maneth of Highland, Mickey Ask of Colton and Larry Hoatson of Yucaipa. The roster/sign in sheets started around.

The secretary’s minutes were approved for the March 2016 meeting as published on-line and in Low Range Ramblin’.

**Reports**

**Treasurers Report** - Mike Moore present – The club started March with \$38,944.31. During the month income was \$25,080.70 and expenditures were \$2,164.94. The club ended the month with \$61,860.07. Income included Forest Fest registrations (\$24,225.70), sheriffs fines (\$20.00), Merchandise sales (\$335.00) and raffle ticket sales (\$500.00). Expenditures included BBFF (\$681.23), one donation (\$750.00). New bills were presented and approved.

**VP Report – Land Use** – Sue Sloan present – Sue started a discussion about Nestle renewing their permit for water use in the Strawberry Creek Watershed in the SBNF. Public comments are being sought.

**Merchandise Report** – Peggy Ogaz present – Peggy showed the Forest Fest merchandise that was still available and noted that she will be ordering from a new supplier that she has experience with and will be ordering short sleeve shirts.

**Newsletter Report** – Teri Patterson present – Teri noted that this month’s newsletter is her last. She will be assisting Char Hart during the next month to produce the May Newsletter.

**Membership** – Monica Ortega present – She has new member packets available and will sign guests membership applications. Cheri McRae suggested that the Membership Chair become a Yahoo group Moderator, to assist in adding club prospects to the group. This will take place immediately.

**Hospitality Report** – Char and Craig Hart present –We’re hospitable. The club was happy to see that Don “Super D” McDonald was in attendance tonight. Some knew of the “incident” in Moab where he was injured badly. Larry and Cheri McRae and Don spoke more about this later.

**Forest Fest** – Mike Moore present – President Henry again asked that ALL members step and help at Forest Fest, as a trail guide, if needed, and at camp. Mike was happy to state that the permit process is finally moved along, the application has been sent in, as well as the “Red Sheet”. If no one contacts him regarding the addition of the Zip Line to the event, he will book it this week. Mike opened FF registration the first weekend in March and received 120 registrations during the first 3 days. To date, there are 265 guests registered and 19 members. He asked that the rest of the members sign up as soon as possible and not wait til the last minute. There is double the amount of vendors signed up to date.

**Round-Up Report** – Jamie Duncanson present – RU is next Tuesday, April 12th. There will be a game this month and Steven Soliz will sponsor the prizes.

**Board of Directors**

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Jamie mentioned that he wished more members would support RU. He then asked about refurbishing the articulation ramp. After discussion, it was decided that he can spend up to \$300 for this. Rick Clay mentioned that he might have some nearly new tires for it.

**AAT Report** – Jim Sloan present – The SBNF AAT meeting will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April at the Sizzler in Corona, dinner at 6:00, meeting at 7:00. Ranger Greg has said that there will be new items on the agenda. Mike Ortega asked about the closure of a section of 3N16, the work party has been postponed and a contractor will be required to work on this project. Stay tuned for AAT work trip posting.

**Website Report** – Kim Duncanson - absent – Congrats to Kim and Jamie on the arrival of Norabell Duncanson.

**Scholarship** – Mallory Jordon absent – 6 applications came in this month and they will be given to Mallory.

**Safety** - Jerry Burgess absent – Jerry asked that you read his article in the newsletter regarding rollovers, a timely subject. Prospective club members, please see Jerry when you are prepared to have your vehicle inspected prior to membership vote.

**Break** – Jennifer Traven brought the refreshments. Tim and Sharla will bring them next month

**March / Early April events –**

Sue Sloan took a moment to remind all members what is required to lead a run, including adequate posting, two members attendance, a roster of participants of the run and waivers from any new guests turned in to the club secretary at the next meeting, (both available on the club website) and hopefully a trip report sent to the Newsletter chair and posted on our club Yahoo group.

Bill talked about the **Powderpuff** run on Holcomb led by Mallory Jordon. There was no strapping or carnage, but there were some interesting outfits.

Larry McRae spoke about **Moab's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Easter Jeep Safari**. He talked about the amazing numbers of participants involved in this event and on the trails, their stay at Spanish Trails RV Park, the great vendor show, and the rollover in which Don McDonald was injured.

Bill also spoke about the **Karting** Social event. There were 21 racers and there an incident involving a kart leaving the track and injuring Morgan Hertel. There were tire tracks on his shirt!

Loren Campbell then spoke about his run to **Moab**, some participants went early enough to enjoy the EJS vendor show, then some adventures to Canyonlands and Arches. The whole group hit the trails on Monday and continued wheeling, rain or shine, for the rest of the week.

Steven Soliz then spoke about his run to **Last Chance Canyon** and the Burro Schmidt tunnel. A good time was had by all.

**Upcoming Club Runs - Jim Sloan present**

April 16<sup>th</sup> Monthly Run – Bill Henry – “The Berdoo / Joshua Tree Nat'l Park Tour” will meet at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Banning at 8 AM for breakfast or at the trailhead at approximately 10 AM. Any 4WD vehicle can do this run.

April 30<sup>th</sup> Mike Ortega will lead a run to Gold Mtn., Little John Bull and John Bull. The group will meet at the Discovery Center at 9 AM. 1 locker and 33's required.

Memorial Day Mark Ogaz will lead a weekend event to Taboose Creek. Trails, parades and other options, including fishing, will be available during this fun-filled weekend.

Weekend Forest Fest pre-runs. All trail leaders are required to pre-run their trails and mid and tail gunners are strongly encouraged to attend these runs. All members can join in the fun.

June 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> The Inland Empire 4 Wheelrs Big Bear Forest Fest 19!!

June 17 – 19<sup>th</sup> Monthly Run – Jim Sloan – The Run with No Sun

July The Installation Picnic will be held at Rancho Jurupa Regional Park during the weekend of Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>. A show of hands noted that many members have made reservations to camp for the weekend. (Cottonwood Campground)

**Old Business** – Loren Campbell spoke about the Challenge grant. He will be sending letters to the 12 organizations suggested at the last meeting, asking what they would do with funds if we donated to them with the proceeds from FF. The results from these letters will be read and the members will vote on the finalists at the May meeting.

**Historical Report** – Loren – no report

**New Business** – None

**Sheriff's Report** – George Biddlecombe present – Colors; Bryan, Cheri, Rick, Amber, Kevin. Mordoff left early, Rick Clay got hacked, Moab fines: Super D, rollover, Keith, linkage issue – transfer case replacement, George, backed into a ditch, Powderpuff run fines, Bill plugged leaking tire with borrowed plugs, Cougar Buttes, Jamie, tail lights, Steven, brake line, Mickey Ask, got stuck, with no lockers.

**Raffle** – The raffle prizes were provided by Russ Deer. Cindy Coffin “volunteered” to bring them next month.

Submitted by Sue Sloan, IE4W VP

Sheriff - \$29

Raffle - \$144

Merchandise - \$63

37 Memberships represented

9 Guests

## Safety by Jerry Burgess

### Are You Ready for Action?

Many of you will be involved in one or maybe both of 2 major events, Jeep Jamboree or Big Bear Forest Fest. You may also be called to provide assistance to one of the guests needing a helping hand on a trail obstacle. My question for you is: Are You READY? Is Your Equipment READY? Will you be successful in using your equipment? When is the last time you ran out your winch line to inspect it for damage? Was your winch line wound under load and neatly layered and ready for use? If not, and it is randomly wound, will your line jam in the loose windings the moment you need to use it on a guest?

How about your recovery equipment with respect to snatch block, D-rings, winch controls, and other necessary tools. Are they serviced and in good working order? Are all your bolts holding the winch or your attachment points secure? Now is the time to verify all the above have been inspected before the event and their use. As for your CB radio, it seems that each year, there are last minute adjustments needing to be done on the trail to make communications work. Is your microphone functioning properly, radio well grounded, and all coax connections tight? Is your antenna tuned to the middle of the band with a Standing Wave Ratio (SWR) meter? If you had trouble over the last year, NOW is

the time to check your communications equipment.



When it's your time to act or respond to a request, you WILL be able to communicate and your equipment WILL be ready. As a club, IE4W has already demonstrated our ability to take guests on trail runs. However, we also have the responsibility to show those guests how to respond properly with the equipment we carry and show them by your example.

# MAY 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						<b>1</b> Chaun Goldberg  Jim & Teri Patterson
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5 Club Meeting</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> John Maldonado	<b>8 Mothers Day</b> Jamie Duncanson  George & Shelly Biddlecombe
<b>9</b> Carter Chadwick	<b>10 Round-up</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Kevin Rice Matthew LaBusch	<b>13</b> Roxann Stockberger	<b>14</b> Steve Owen	<b>15</b> Monica Ortega
<b>16</b> Tom Thompson	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Neil Stratton	<b>20</b> Rachel Bem	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Darryl Jordan Annette Mordoff	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Riyun Rodriguez
<b>30</b> <b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>31</b> Randy & Roxann Stockberger					

## Upcoming Events

May 27 -30th - Taboose run

July - Run with No Sun

June 17-19 Forest Fest

Sept 23-25th Installation Picnic

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

**Trip Report Berdoo Canyon / Joshua Tree National Park Tour**

Trail Leaders - Bill Henry and Karen Cramer  
Tail gunners – Jim and Sue Sloan

**Members**

Matt and Sue Martel, Ciara and Robby - 07 JK  
Nancy Kenny – 15 Cherokee  
Craig and Char Hart – 16 JK  
Morgan and Laura Hertel – 13 JK  
Rick and Kathleen Ventriglia – 07 JK  
John Maldonado, Jonathan – 04 Silverado  
Bob Peterson – 05 LJ  
Tim Glider and Sharla Traylor – 09 JK  
Steven and Amber Soliz 09 Tacoma  
Loren Campbell – 11 JK  
Joe Muhs – 88 YJ  
John and Ming Letzkus – 92 YJ  
John and Audrey Haring – 87 Samurai

**Guests**

Bobby Holley, Jacob – 07 JK  
Clay Beamesderfer – 16 JK  
Mark and Anne Beamesderfer – 84 CJ7  
Bill and Lori Rhettis - 12 JK  
Larry Hoatson – 00 WJ  
Ryan Stephens – 14 JK  
John Dunlap – 16 JK



We started the blustery day meeting at Farm House Restaurant in Banning. We had a great turnout, 17 rigs at the restaurant and 5 more at the trail head. Headed off to the trail head at 9:15, it was a long drive and we met up with the others by 10:30. As this awesome club always does, we aired down, had a short drivers meeting and the guests were introduced, in which they had the newest and oldest rigs (a one week old jeep and a CJ5).

The trail was a fairly easy jaunt starting down in the Coachella Valley and winding its way up to 4000' plus in the Little San Bernardino Mountains. A major activity in this canyon was that it was used for the staging of construction for the Aqueduct Tunnels in the early 1900s.

All made it up the canyon with little issues. Nancy may have a different story, just take a peek at the Trail Hawk bumper. Stopped for lunch on the Geology Tour Road. Had good weather and great fellowship. Didn't take long after lunch to hit the paved road where we aired up. During this time John Harding found something wrong with the Suzuki, so Joe, John, Ming and Audrey took a right turn and headed back to Spotlight 29. Oh, did I mention that they all stayed at the casino the night before.

We made our way up to Keys View Overlook. At almost 5000' and looking down to about sea level the many who have not seen this view before were truly impressed. We then headed to the Hidden Valley area, hung out for a while and enjoyed the beautiful

rock formations that Joshua Tree is famous for. This became the official end of the run. A group headed to the parks welcome center some of us meet at Hadley's for a bite to eat.

What a great day of easy wheeling and a great group of friends.



Bill and Karen







**TRAIL CHALLENGES**  
 Many of the backcountry areas have unique challenges that need to be learned as they are used. These challenges make backcountry travel more difficult and more dangerous. For this reason, backcountry travelers are best advised with an attitude of acceptance, adaptability, and respect for the land. They are not to be taken lightly. Some areas have been declared "off limits" to vehicles to protect sensitive resources or for other safety reasons. Some areas have enough to reduce dust. Dust can have a negative impact on fragile ecosystems and on the major threat for wildlife habitats on trails. Don't blow. After changing a track log or other equipment for the afternoon you leave in that an campground is properly built. And if you are not sure about the trail, please have someone else go with you. If you are not sure about the trail, please have someone else go with you. Most backcountry trails are narrow, and you will need to be able to back up to the trail. Most backcountry trails are narrow, and you will need to be able to back up to the trail. Most backcountry trails are narrow, and you will need to be able to back up to the trail.

## Big Bear Lake - World Class Four Wheeling



## Big Bear Area 4x4 & OHV Trail Map

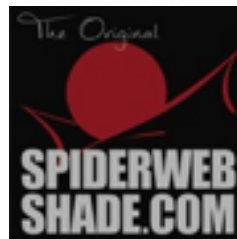


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