

LOW RANGE RAMBLIN'

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WHO IS IE4W?

Inland Empire 4 Wheelrs 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!

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The Inland Empire Four Wheelers 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.



JUNE 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Don McDonald	3	4	5	6 Business Meeting	7	8
9	10 Morgan Hertel	11 Round Up	12 Bill Bem Russ&Karen D.	13 BBFF John&Cindy M	14 BBFF	15 BBFF
16 BBFF Fathers Day Ming Letzkus	17 Dick&Laura G	18	19 Alex&Misty R	20	21	22
23 Tony&Ciny N.	24	25 Kevin&Challyn Strong	26	27	28 Peggy Ogaz	29
30 Bob&Karen P.						

Happy Father's Day



UPCOMING EVENTS

June - 13-16 - Fathers Day Weekend - BBFF

July -13 Clarks Grade Night Run Robin Reed -

July 27 - All 4 Fun - Loren Campbell - Colorado

August - Cindy Coffin - trail and date TBD.

Sept 6 - 11 - Dusy Ershim - Loren Campbell

Sept 20-22 - Randy's Overnighter

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

John & Cindy Maldonado

Russ & Karen Deer

Dick & Laura Gervais

Alex & Misty Rodriguez

Tony & Cindy Nunnally

Kevin & Challyn Strong

Bob & Karen Peterson

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Matt & Sue Martel

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

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)

Safety Report

By Jerry Burgess

BBFF Safety On Trails

Since BBFF attracts so many people, we tend to only qualify the vehicles for the trail. Have you wondered what the skill level or awareness level is of the drivers or the spectators that are on our difficult trails? The safety of our trails involves both our IE4W staff and our guests that travel our trails under our guidance. However, some things are going to remain an unknown until something becomes obvious that gets your attention. Therefore, I am asking our Trail Leaders, Mid, Tail, Spotters and Sponsors on trails to LOOK for a potential problems and TAKE ACTION to prevent any accidents or injuries.

I anticipate that the majority of our drivers will be skilled to handle the trail or situation. However, there might be a driver who is driving a trail above their experience level. A driver may have upgraded his vehicle and is trying a more difficult trail. They may have never driven in terrain such as presented and may panic or lock up in fear from a situation due to lack of experience in handling an intimidating maneuver. I've seen accidental pressing of the gas and brake at the same time, a lack of response to a wrong action that carries the action too far, and spectators standing in the exact wrong location for the path of a driver having a problem.



Spotters need to be aware of the potential directions a vehicle can go, whether it is intended or accidental, out of control, or otherwise. Be prepared to get out of the way for a driver who has lost control in an obstacle. Watch the spectators at obstacles since they tend to want to get photos of their friends or family doing a difficult obstacle keeping them at a safe distance and out of the line of a possible problem. Children and the pets that might be out are unpredictable. Stop the action if you see someone crossing or wandering into the trail being oblivious to the dangers. Remember, we might have spectators that have never done a group run before and this is their first trail adventure.

Don't forget to advise your guests about Rattlesnakes, Poison Oak, Poodle Dog Bush, Slippery wet Rocks, Rocks thrown by tires spinning, Rocks rolling downhill, and Vehicles Backing up and moving around on the trail. Know your location, have your first aid kit handy, and have a great time.

Trip Reports

Elyse's First Run 5/6/2019

Gold Mountain and Little John Bull

Evan Owen

Elyse's first run report

The Force was strong on the fourth with my daughter Elyse. There was minimal whining and crying throughout the run!! Great job little girl!!!

Jerry Burgess, Kathy Burgess, Elyse Owen, Cindy Coffin, and my guest Scott were all in attendance.

We met up at the Discovery Center at 9:00, went into the center and discovered amazing animals with Elyse.

At 9:30 we headed over to the Gold Mt trail head. Then aired down and got on our way. The three jeeps charged up the mountain and we all seemed to conquer all the obstacles well.

Seems that some short cuts have been created in some areas that I don't recall seeing before. HmMMMMM...

We made it through GM in just over an hour and after a quick break continued on to Little John Bull and then the Squeeze.

Both seem to be in great condition and I'm ready to lead a Friday night run for BBFF. I just hope it all looks the same in the dark!! HAHA!!

After exiting the trail we headed over to Maggios over in town and enjoyed some pizza and sandwiches. We then aired up in the parking lot and headed home.

No breakage. No fine worthy mishaps, fun was had by all. I can't wait to take Elyse out again!! Thank you to those who came along for her first run.



Trail Leader: Jerry Burgess

Mid Gunner: Steve Soliz

Tail Gunner: Russ Deer

Members in attendance: Jerry Burgess, Russ Deer, Steve Soliz, Jamie Duncanson, Jeff Riley

Guests: Mark Nerhaus with daughters Bridget and Devin (Jerry B), Mike Merriss with Debbie Soliz (Steve S), Phil Peterson (Jeff R)

Vehicles: 6x Jeeps, XJ, JL, JK

Distance for off road route: 65 miles

We met at the Fawnskin FD at 0900 hrs, aired down, met each other and headed out at 0930 hrs. We headed north to make a quick pit stop at the Big Pine Flat CG and continued on 3N14 to the 3N16 and 3n17 turnoff to White Mountain. The weather was sunny, clear and a light westerly breeze that was cool. A quick stop was made for the collection of a cluster of Mylar balloons from the bushes. After a long road ascending White Mountain, we stopped for a great view from atop the north peak and tried to spot the farthest visible objects. Catalina Island, lava flows and Afton were visible. Mark and his kids located a Great Basin Collared Lizard in the rocks, no snakes seen. We continued 3N17 with some good climbing areas, everyone did well and no spotting was necessary. Lunch was taken just off 3N17 with another Mylar balloon and trash pick-up. More climbing and we reached 3N16. A brief stop at Holcomb CG for a pit stop and a seat switch for Devin who was getting car sick in my back seat. I'd say it was a slick move to pry her father out of the front seat so she could get a better view, it worked.

We headed down Van Dusen and over to 2N01 below Onyx for a jaunt down Burns Cyn to 2N69Y. A nice V notch at the bottom of the downhill gave some thrills and good photos. We jumped over to 2N61Y heading uphill. The obstacle in the middle still exists but a well traveled bypass has been created. We all took the obstacle without any problems for more pho-

to ops. We continued north and after a short time, I took an unmarked but obvious trail to investigate an abandoned ar-rastre (Spanish for Drag) - an old

gold mining device for ore crushing spotted earlier on Google Earth.



Lastly, as a bonus run we headed towards Tip Top Mtn, Steve Soliz had to head home, so 5 headed up. Along the 2N02 we stopped at a pick-up with a cardboard sign in the bed saying "No Gas". He was waiting for his friend to fetch some fuel from Big Bear and return, we continued. Another great view from atop Tip Top as usual. We headed down and our group split up on 2N02 to head home. Russ and I headed south while the others headed north. I could see the pick-up got his gas and was headed out. Russ and I stopped at the

Iron Door Mine for the kids to see a safe mine and get some pictures before heading up to 38 where we aired up and headed home through Redlands. We burned a tank of fuel, drove a total of 189 miles and spent 12 hours in the JK. We got our day's worth of wheeling! Thanks to everyone for hanging in for a long day and moving right along.



Trip Reports

Gold Mountain / John Bull 5/11/2019

Bob Berg



Club member: Bob Berg 2001 TJ Trail leader
Jeff Riley 2018 JL Tail gunner
Guest: Kevin Marcos & lady friend / wife JK Mid

The weather was very changeable during the run. We had rain on and off with the sun shining at times thru scattered clouds. Despite the weather and the Jamboree I am sure we all would agree it was a great day rock crawling

We reached the trailhead for Gold Mountain just as the last of the Jamboree group of approximately 28 4X4's were heading up the trail. We aired down and headed up the trail, but caught up with the Jamboree 4X4's just before the 1st obstacle. Shortly thereafter, a second group of Jamboree 4X4's lead by Bill Henry caught up to us. When it was our turn, I chose the right side of the large boulder as had most of the Jamboree 4X4's. Light rain made for extremely slippery mud but we all made it after a number of tries each with a Jamboree guide directing us. We continued up the trail a short distance behind the 1st Jamboree group but never quite caught up to them again. We finished the Gold Mountain trail at about 12:30 pm and headed to Little John Bull. No problems there.

We arrived at the Gate Keeper to John Bull to a half dozen or so vehicles all parked off the trail; they were waiting to watch the Jamboree 4X4's go thru the Gate Keeper. I decided to head straight up John Bull before the Jamboree 4X4's arrived. It was dry and sunny at the time, but the Gate Keeper had thick mud pits that you had to go thru. I tried straight thru on the left side 1st, but was quickly advised to start on the left then turn right putting your right tires on the rock in the center of the Gate Keeper (ie y usual approach). After I got thru both Jeff and Kevin took the same approach. The rest of John Bull was dry and all the usual fine talc like powder had been washed off of the rocks. We continued on without major trouble. Driving over the fallen tree was interesting, but easy, especially for my short wheel-base TJ.

We aired up at the Fawnskin triangle / fire station.

Other IE4W club members besides Bill Henry, we encountered Robin, Randy Stockberger, Joe Martinez and Lauren, all who were trail guides for the Jamboree.

Trip Reports

Lake Morena 5/18/2019

Jerry Burgess

Trail Leader: Jerry Burgess - 2011 JK 4dr
Mid Gunner: Bill Henry (and Karen Henry) - 2004 TJ
Tail Gunner: Evan Owen - 2005 LJ

IE4W Members: Keith and Carol LeFever - 2015 JK 4dr

Guests: Scott and Jennifer Atwood - 2015 JK 4dr, Louis Viramontes & Tim Sandy - 2017 JK 4dr

A 4 night stay in Lake Morena County Park campground provided a base camp for all listed participants except Louis and Tim who met us for the run on Saturday. A Pre-run was made on Friday by myself (Jerry) along with Evan Owen. The Sidewinder trail proved worthy for our run as a Black Diamond. After the pre-run, we scouted Bronco Peak and Bronco Flats, 2 additional Black Diamond trails to see if they could be added to the first. After 3 hours of 2 man spotting for each other through relentless downhill boulders and deep V-notches, it was concluded that this trail would be too time consuming and too wicked for some without getting damage.

Saturday morning we all assembled in the Campground and set out for Corral Canyon. We aired down at the bottom of the dirt road, make a pit stop at 4 corners, and headed to Sidewinder. About 500 feet into the trail the first trail casualty was passed, a Chevy S10 4x4 ,abandoned and stuck in the rocks, stuck there some time before yesterday's pre-run. We continued through the trail with granite slabs, water holes, boulders, V-notches, and about 5 good obstacles needing spotting. All-in-all everyone kept

great pace and stuck together all the way to the end where we took lunch in Bobcat Meadows. After watching some of our campground Jeep neighbors entering the Sidewinder trail and trying to ascend Sidewinder, they re-appeared after about 10 minutes defeated at the first obstacle.

Following lunch we took a tour around Bronco Peak on Los Pinos, Skye Valley, and Corral Cyn roads circling back to 4 corners and to the bottom to air up and head back to camp where a pot-luck dinner was held and no one went away hungry. Afterwards, we all lounged around the campfire until lights out were called. Not to be left without a Sunday

run, we drove to Campos for a 4x4 lunch run. We were disappointed when the joint was closed, so an alternate was found in the border town 'Potrero' at 'Cafe 94'. They closed in 1 hour, so we wasted no time getting there and the food was good, servings were gracious. We were the only occupants and left after closing time. Everyone had a great time despite occasional rain showers before and after the run day. Hiking and/or biking was available between other activities. Turkeys were gobbling and walking in camp, Indian grinding stones were discovered. If you missed the 2nd Chance Run, you missed a Great Run and a fun weekend.



Gold Mountain Quickie 5/19/2019

Jim Patterson

Trip Reports

We met for breakfast at 7:30am in Yucaipa at Hills Country Kitchen and headed out at 8:30 to Gold Mountain.

We arrived at Gold Mountain trail head about 10am, aired down and had a brief drivers meeting.

We ran gold Mountain and Little John Bull, then a few of us went to dinner afterwards.

The weather was crisp and clear with a little bit of rain, hail and snow at different times.

The trail was perfect, very little mud, damp with no dust and the group moved along effortlessly.

A brief skirmish erupted and at least one snow ball was thrown with no lasting ill effects.

Trail leader: Jim Patterson

Club members: Joe & Loren, Cindy & Debbie Coffin, Tim Kemp and Jeff Riley.

Tail gunner: Rick Clay



Trip Reports

Taboose Creek 5/24—5/26

Mark Ogaz

Trail Leader: Mark Ogaz

Tail Gunner: Joe Martinez

RIG	Driver	Passenger
13 JKU	Mark Ogaz	Peggy Ogaz
15 JKU	Robin Reed	
19 JLU	Joe Martinez	Loren Campbell

The Taboose Creek run was a huge success even if only lightly attended. Goodale Campground is located on an upslope and has a beautiful view of the valley. There was plenty of room and several empty spots throughout the weekend. \$5 a night made for a great price.



On a rainy Friday we did an impromptu scouting mission slash you-call-it run. We went to the Browns Campground at Lake Crowley on the Owens River. We were able to talk to the owner about reservations for next year. We tentatively have them for next year. We left the campground and decided to try the Laurel Lake Trail nearby. After a short climb we hit a steep switchback covered in snow and decided to turn around. We ate lunch and decided to take a forest road back down to Bishop. The drive was scenic and fun back into town.

On a rainy Saturday we did the Cerro Gordo / Salt Tram trail. The trail is difficult climbing over rocks and up steep climbs. We climbed to 9200 feet with great views of the Saline Valley to the East and the Owens Valley on the other. We made a short side trip to the Burgess Mine. The Salt Tram station and many towers are still in place. We had lunch at the Salt Tram and had a chance to explore on and around it. On the way down we stopped at Cerro Gordo Mine. We took the tour and two and half hours later we escaped.

Sunday rolled around sunny and clear for our final run. We said good-bye to Robin and then headed out on our run up Mazourka Canyon. About two miles in Peggy saw a sign on a side trail that read "Betty Jumbo Mine" and we decided to head up that way. The trail was narrow with several switchbacks. It was a shelf road with some minor obstacles and one major one. We had to spot our way through a handful of narrow spots. Two hours later and after exploring and passing two other mines, the road ended in a roadblock. The trail ahead was collapsed in several places and impassable. We slowly made our way back down and called it a day.



Trip Reports

PreRun Clarkes Grade

5/18/2019 Robin Reed

Clark's Grade Pre-Run Trip Report (5-18-2019)

Craig Willcutt, Roger Wilcutt, and I had breakfast at Dennys in Big Bear. We left for the trail at 9:00am. We turned on Mill Creek (2N10) and headed for Clark's Grade.

We aired down just before getting to the gate which we were happy to see open.



As we traveled down Clark's Grade the views were amazing. There were a few spots on the trail that were washed out but passable and a couple of boulders that make the trail a little narrow. After the switch backs we came to the lower gate at the intersection of 1N64 and 1N54.

We went down 1N64 to take pictures of the washout.



Then we turned around and proceeded to 1N04 Converse

to get to the bottom of Radford Truck Trail.

Since Radford Truck Trail is currently blocked by a boulder the size of a car we went into the fire station on Radford Camp Road where we talked to Captain Mandolini. The removal of the boulder hasn't been scheduled yet but it has been talked about in the Forest Service. We exited up Glass Road to the 38 and home. The Captain thanked us for the Trail Cleanups that we do as a club (IE4W).

Clarks' Grade would still be a good trail for Forest Fest even if we have to take the long way back to camp.

Thanks,

Robin



Trip Reports

PreRun Onyx Summit
5/19/2019 George Stauber

George Stauber Trail Leader

Bobby Holly

Bill Bem

Dick Gervais

Robin Reed Tail Gunner

We all met at the Ranger Station at Bryant/Hwy 38 @08:00. We headed up Hwy 38 in the rain to 2N01. We arrived at the trail head around 08:50. While we were airing down we started to have snow flurries. We headed down 2N01 and stopped at Juniper Springs Camp Ground to check out the toilet to make sure it was not full. We got back on the trail & turned onto 2N89Y., the rocky entrance to the main trail. We passed the old Pontiac that has been there for years. We stopped at the top of the Heartbreak Ridge & visited the Memorial of Alan Rowe. A Major USMC died in 2004 in Iraq. We then headed down to connect with 2N02, while on the way back we took 2N70Y for (Extra Credit). WE decided to have our lunch there in a group of trees. After lunch as we were coming back to 2N02, we arrived back @2N01 & Hwy 38 and aired up. I am happy to say we had no incidences. Oh Yeah, I forgot to say we had nothing but Sunshine most of the day.

Thank you.



MEETING MINUTES

Minutes May 2019
le4w

Thank you to Naomi for getting us space at the VA to have our meeting

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mark Ogaz

Introduction of Guests - Scott & Jennifer Atwood, John Padilla, Mike & Jennifer Ewing and Naomi Muhs.

Welcome to new members Jeff Riley & Kim Ruiz, and Keith & Carol Lefever

Secretary's Report - Cindy Coffin - Rosters to be passed around after the break. Also some fun facts - It is National Pet Week and National Nurses Week and tomorrow is Lost Sock Memorial Day. Motion to accept minutes as published made by Robin Reed and seconded by Ron Fleming. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report - Dani Goldberg - started month with \$72,196. Motion by Peggy Ogaz and seconded by Robin Reed to pay bills.

Committee Chair Reports

Merchandise - Kevin Strong - camo hats have been ordered

Newsletter - Todd Vargason - Will get vendor logos from website to put on the back page of newsletter.

Membership - Joe Martinez - has membership packets. Also check your run numbers and meeting numbers on roster sheet.

Forest Fest - Tim Kemp - not present - Joe Martinez and Nancy Kenny reported on job lists. Reported on what jobs still needed to be filled. Got volunteers to fill in most remaining spots. Loren Campbell reported on the trail guides and will post an updated list tonight.

Round-up - Darryl and Mallory Jordon - Surfer Joes still under construction. Will have it at Surfer Joes on Legonia. Karen Henry motioned and Mark Ogaz seconded to move round-up this time to new location.

Adopt a Trail - Ken Ehlers - not present - Report made by Jim Miller. Quarterly meeting held on 4/17. Mountain has been divided into 4 groups. Reports will be made to the Forest Ranger in charge of that particular group on what needs to be completed on trails.

Historian - Karen Henry - no report

Scholarship - Tim Kemp - not present

Safety - Jerry Burgess - reported on winching safety. See report in newsletter.

Break - drinks provided by Bill & Rachel Bem. June will be Ron Fleming

Report on Past Runs

April 6 - Jeff Rileys Shake Down Run

April 20 - Ron Fleming - Holcomb Creek

May 4 - Elyses' 1st run - Evan Owen

May 5 - White Mtn - Jerry Burgess

Future Runs - Randy Stockberger

May 11 - Bob Berg - Gold Mountain and John Bull

May 18 - Lake Moreno - Jerry Burgess

May 24-27 - Taboose Creek - Mark Ogaz. Camping at Goodale Campground. Potluck on Saturday

June 13-16 - BBFF. Everyone

July 13 - Night Run - Clarks Grade - Robin Reed

July 27 - Aug 3 - All 4 Fun - Loren Campbell - event has been sold out

Aug - Cindy Coffin. - TBD

Sept 6 - 11 - Dusy Ershim - Loren Campbell - 12 vehicles only.

Sept 20-22 - Randy's Overnighter

Old Business - Ie4w challenge - Loren Campbell - would like to have a representative from one organization to speak at BBFF. There was a vote and Safe House received the majority of votes to make a presentation at BBFF. Chaun Goldberg will talk to them regarding their availability.

New Business - none

Sheriffs Report - Bill Henry - numerous fines imposed

Raffle Prizes provided by Mark Ogaz - June will be provided by Robin Reed.

Motion by Terry McNeill and seconded by Todd Vargason to adjourn meeting.

Respectfully submitted - Cindy Coffin. Ie4w secretary.



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