

# Low Range Ramblin'

a publication of:

## 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.



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### 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



Bill Henry, IE<sub>4</sub>W President

IE<sub>4</sub>W  
Christmas Party

Saturday  
December 3rd  
2016





## IE4W Business Meeting – November 3, 2016

### Open Meeting

Called to order by President Bill Henry at CrossWalk.  
Bill Henry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Welcome to new members** – Larry & Ellayna Hoatson and son Zachary are our newest members.

The guests in attendance were as follows: Robert Berg of Orange, John Dunlap of Riverside, John Maneth of Highland, John & Lynnda Kelly of Twin Peaks, Curtis & Stephanie Holt of Grand Terrace, Corey & Molly Bell and Brian & Faline Eck.

The secretary's minutes were approved for the October 2016 meeting as published on-line, on the website and in the Low Range Ramblin'.

### Reports

**Secretary** - Laura Hertel present – Reminder to turn in your trip reports and signed waiver forms. Sign in sheets were passed around.

**Treasurer** - Mike Moore present - The club started October with \$60,211.15. During the past month income was \$1,323.00 and expenditures were \$6,056.36. The club ended the month of October with \$55,477.79. Income included dues of \$399.00. Expenditures included donations and normal monthly expenses. New bills were presented and accepted.

**Vice President** – Teri Patterson present – no report.

**Merchandise** - Peggy Ogaz present – Peggy reported that there are still some white club hats and new shirts available.

**Membership & Public Relations** - Monica Ortega present – She reported she has packets for guests who are interested in becoming members.

**AAT** - Jim Sloan absent – No report.

## Board of Directors

President	Bill Henry <a href="mailto:president@ie4w.com">president@ie4w.com</a>
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**Hospitality** – Barbara Bongiorno present – Barbara reported that all is going well with hospitality.

**Round Up** - Jamie Duncanson absent – No report.

**Newsletter** – Char Hart present – Monthly publication is going great. Char reminded all to make sure pictures and run reports are sent to her right after event. Mike Moore (treasurer) suggested that the newsletter be reduced by a few pages to cut costs.

**Website** – Teri Patterson present – Teri reported that the new website is coming along well.

**Historian** – Loren Campbell present – Loren shared an old membership roster from about 1966. There were 18 members and 13 of those had ham radio call signs and the club had one – KOX1316.

**Scholarship** – Mallory absent. No report.

**Safety** – Jerry present – Tim Kemp and Bill Henry have the first aid kits. Jerry talked about “Hill Start Assist.” New jeeps are equipped with this feature. He explained how it works, and what it can and can’t do when on the trail. See the November newsletter for complete information.

**Break** : Refreshments provided by Nancy Kenny. George and Kay Stauber will do December.

### **Past Runs & Events**

**Claw Hammer** – Tim Kemp (October 15) See newsletter for run report.

**Calico** – Steve Soliz (October 28-30) See newsletter for run report.

**Loren Campbell** (October 23) Loren had a run and had 4 members and many guests attend. This run was done after an event at Redlands Jeep.

**Mexico Cruise** (October 16-20) Wonderful social event for the club. See November newsletter for a great report.

### **Upcoming Club Runs & Events**

**Parker** – November 23 – 27. Thanksgiving Day dinner potluck at 2 pm. 25<sup>th</sup> will be club run. See Yahoo Groups for all information on the run.

**Club Christmas Party** – December 3<sup>rd</sup>. See Yahoo Groups for further information.

**Yucaipa Christmas Parade** – December 10. More to follow.

**New Years at Truck Haven** – December 26 to January 2. See Yahoo Groups for all information and updates.

**Superstition Mountain** – January 14, 15. See Yahoo group postings from Mark Ogaz for more information.

**Taboose Creek** – Memorial Day Weekend – More to follow.

**Old Business**

Ham Radio Testing - For those that have taken the on-line class there will be testing on Thursday evening December 8 at 5:00 pm at the Loma Linda Fire Department.

**New Business**

**New club member photo to be taken on January 5, 2017 – Plan to be there in your club Shirts**

**Sheriff's Report** - George Biddlecombe – present.

Late: Dani & Chaun Goldberg.

Colors: Steven & Amber, Rachel Bem, Monica Ortega, Karen Kramer, Tim Kemp, Curt Harmon, Russ Deer, Nancy Kinney, Chaun Goldberg.

Mike Grizz Ortega Gold Mountain - Calling a 2000 WJ (Grand Cherokee) an XJ (Cherokee) Larry Hoatson on the CB saying "I just did a big NONO" Got stuck on a rock at lunch. Then he jacked up his rear axle to clear this cupped rock and tried to drive off and spun the tires, turned his front drive tires left to right and then we heard a loud POP! I noticed his front drive tires were NOT moving... Broken 4 wheel drive.

Timmay's King of the claw hammers: Rick "Lika" Larsen Hill calls out over the radio that he has a flat later, winching Kevin Strong put on a show of his own by trying to impersonate a diesel LJ and a turtle at the same time. Tim called Kevin TJ an LJ. Tim got a little greedy and tried to take the "Big Boy" line which led to an epic fail on my part. Out came the Tractor Supply jack stand and along with some winching... As the trail leader, Curt Harmon Kurt limping his JKU up the hill with a punctured hydro hose and Kevin Strong "extra" scrapes on LJ.

Raffle Prizes provided by Rick Clay. December prizes will be provided by Joe Martinez.

Misc. income received tonight – Sheriff \$19.00, Raffle, \$147.00, Merchandise \$174.00.

Present at September 1, 2016 Meeting: 34 memberships represented and 10 guests.

Submitted by Laura Hertel, IE4W Secretary

# DECEMBER 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1 CLUB MEETING	2  Tom & Sherie Thompson	3 CHRISTMAS PARTY  Kris Yaryan Matthew Goldberg	4
5	6  Round-Up Richard & Cathy Rodgers	7	8	9	10 YUCAIPA CHRISTMAS PARADE	11
12	13	14  Bobby, Georgie, Tiffany Biddlecombe	15	16	17  Laura Gervais	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS DAY
26 Truckhaven  Rick & Kathleen Ventriglia	27 Truckhaven	28 Truckhaven  Joe Muhs	29 Truckhaven  Steven Soliz	30 Truckhaven  Todd Vargason	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE New Year's Bash Truckhaven	

**December 3- IE4W Christmas Party**  
**December 10-Yucaipa Christmas**  
**Parade**

**December 26-January 2, 2017**  
**New Year's Bash @ Truckhaven**

**\*\*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.

# Safety

Jerry Burgess

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## Exactly How Much is “Too Much”?

Do you have any idea how many pounds your vehicle was designed and engineered to safely carry? Consider your Motorhome, 5<sup>th</sup> wheel, Toy Hauler, or your flatbed trailer. All these have been designed and engineered to carry a maximum weight based on the size of the frame, suspension components, axles, bearings, wheels and tires. All vehicles are rated and posted either in your vehicle or in the literature that came with your vehicle. As an example, my motorhome has a published weight rating for both the front axle and rear axle in Gross Axle Weight Rating. My published rating is 7000 LB. (front GAWR) and 13500 LB (rear GAWR). This published rating includes the tires by type, size and pressure.

When the Motorhome, trailer, or 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel is fully loaded with all your gear, all fresh water tanks are full, and fuel tanks are full. It is a great idea to spend a couple dollars and stop by a set of scales to weigh the motorhome, or in my case the front axle, the rear axle, and then the towed vehicle (TJ Jeep). I did this one day after fueling up at the Arco in Salton City at the CAT Scales for only \$9.00 in 2010. They talk you through the scales and tell you when to proceed, stop, and continue to check each axle.

The final report from the scale visit was printed out for my record. I took the scale's reported weights and compared them to the published maximum weight ratings. I learned the front axle weight was 5940 LBs out of 7000 max, the rear axle weight was 11460 LBs out of 13000 max. and the Jeep weighed 4580 LBs. Now I have the answer to the question of how much is too much and I don't have “too much”. Now I know my weights are below the max and can be certain that my brakes, tires, and all components can handle the carried weight safely. My question for you is – Are you Safely Loaded or do you carry TOO MUCH? Avoid overloading which places stress and fatigue on primary components as this can lead to catastrophic failures, and That's Not Safe.



## **Trip report on our 2N17x club run**

Our adventure consisted of 8 Jeeps, 7 members, and 4 guests. We most certainly all had a great time. The weather was beautiful, and the dust was minimal, the scenery was awesome.

Our team included myself as lead, Joe Muhs as tail gunner, Todd Eves, Bill Bem and his cool Labrador Retriever. Bobby Holley and his navigator Jacob Holley, Kevin Rice and his white knuckled passenger Barbara Bongiorno. Guests Mark Andrews the Cowboy, Robert Berg and his grandson Gabriel.

We were off the road at 0930, and back on the asphalt at 1330. This gave us with 4 hours of pleasurable scenery, v-notches, steep inclines, and declines. These trails also provided us with some enjoyable obstacles, and a most technical gateway.

I did get videotape of some of the obstacles, but not all of them. Being a lead and alone in my Jeep, it was not always easy to accomplish this. On one obstacle Kevin volunteered to spot, so that I could capture those Kodak moments. Then while Kevin and Barbara descended down this gnarly hill, Mark spotted them on their way down. As often, the video I have provided is deceiving, and the team will agree that the terrain was more critical than depicted in the video.

Todd surprised us with a nice snack. He sacrificed a pig at his altar, barbequed ole Elmer, and then served his burnt offerings to us. Todd even provided us with latex gloves.

The team kept in communication with each other regarding road terrain changes, and assessments. After completing 2N17x, we took a vote as to which way we would exit the mountains. A majority decided to take 2N33 'Pilot Rock' back to Highway 173, and we all stayed together.

Our rigs endured no carnage, but more importantly no one was injured except for one. Evidently I forgot my own words at the drivers meeting, that no one gets hurt on the trip. I experienced a serious roll over. I rolled over and over and over down a steep hill. But thankfully it was my own body that rolled, and not my Jeep. It's amazing how our highly modified rigs can be more coordinated than our own bodies.

Thank you team for making this trip happen. Play hard, have fun, and do it safely.

Video here (this video consists of shots from our pre-run on Weds & the actual run Sat.)

<https://youtu.be/vuYS2DjGzuo>

Bill Rhettts

## Little John Bull and Big John Bull....ALMOST!

November 19, 2016

Trail Leader: Kevin Rice

IE4W Members:

Rick and Kathleen Ventriglia

Russ Deer

Guest:

Brooklyn



Started out with sunshine and cool air.

9am I got to the trailhead, Russ Deer was already there 2 other groups of 10 were getting ready. Rick and Kathleen Ventriglia along with Brooklyn as a guest.

We aired down and followed the first group. Went up Gold with them until they took a wrong turn and we got by. A couple of pics on gold. Went very well. Took a break on Little John Bull. At the end of Little Bull, Rick and Kathleen opted to turn off to go home. Russ and I headed for the JB gate. I stopped just before the gate, for a check on WHAT'S THAT NOISE. Found a broken spring bracket, torn off the axle. We strapped it down tight and very slowly drove it out to the pavement . Russ aired up and went home . We waited for the tow truck and got home about 5. It was still a good run, nice weather. I'll be running it again when it's fixed.

Kevin Rice



## Thanksgiving in Parker

We had a wonderful time in Parker for our annual Thanksgiving Fest. Many members came out on Saturday before Thanksgiving to get a head start on the wheelin. Then the rest continued to arrive throughout the week, all the way up to Thanksgiving day. We filled up the group area with Rv's, trailers and campers. I think I counted 58 people for dinner. There were lots of turkeys and ham and tons of other fine side dishes and of course lots of desserts. Sharla brought her huge camp kitchen set-up and was cooking like a beast! She made amazing meals for the entire camp! Way to go Sharla!

On that first Saturday night, Randy Stockberger had a wild dream while sleeping in his RV and kicked the wall so hard that he broke a few toes! Then the following night he kicked it again! OUCH!

We did several days of trails, with Friday after Thanksgiving doing the traditional Presidents Choice trail. There were 20 rigs that joined us, 15 members rigs and 5 guest rigs. Everyone did a great job and there was no damage to be had. After the trail most everyone headed to the the Desert Bar for a much needed cocktail.

Thanksgiving in Parker once again, proved to be a stellar week of wheeling, good eats and fabulous friends!

Teri





# Thanksgiving in Parker



## Upcoming Yucaipa Christmas Parade

**The Yucaipa Valley Lions Club 62nd Annual Christmas parade will be held on Saturday, December 10th and the IE4W has again been invited to join the festivities.** It's a good time, small town parade and the crowds love it when we "stack" all the way down the parade route. This year's theme is "The Happiest Christmas Parade on Earth". We decorate our rigs for the holidays and have a great time! Christmas music is encouraged!

Participation in the parade is one of the few "Members only" events during the year, but all family and guests are welcome to attend the breakfast at our house and watch the parade, then come back to the house for the un-decorating party.

Jim and I will again hold a rig decorating breakfast at our home beginning at 8:00 AM. For those who haven't participated or been to our house yet, we are one block away from the parade route at 34228 Avenue E, Yucaipa (92399). We have a pretty large backyard and can squeeze everybody in. Jim will be making his famous breakfast burritos, and there will be other breakfast options available, an update to follow closer to the event.

Check-in time at the parade route is between 9:30 and 11:00 and the parade starts at noon, rain or shine. We will ask for RSVP's closer to the event.

Happy Holidays!!!

Call us with any questions you may have.

Jim and Sue

Jim's cell 909-841-9766

Sue's cell 909-841-9689







### **New Year's Bash at Truckhaven Hills 12/26/16 - 1/2/17**

The IE4W and friends will be going out to Truckhaven Hills to send 2016 out in style!

The main wheeling run will be on Saturday, December 31st. We will be going out on Monday, December 26th to save the spot. If you can't make it for the whole week, come join us for a day, or two! Please let us know when you're coming. We will have an appetizer potluck on New Year's Eve. There will be a brunch potluck on New Year's Day. Don't forget to bring your Christmas Trees for the New Year's Eve Bonfire and as much firewood as possible! Also, bring any tables available for the potlucks.

Call us with any questions you might have.

Jim and Sue Sloan

Jim's cell - 909-841-9766 Sue's cell - 909-841-9689

Directions for most: Take the 10 Freeway East to CA- 86S South. Continue south until you reach SR22, turn right. Proceed approximately 5.9 miles west to our camp on the bluffs above Truckhaven. There will be a sign out on the highway.

**God, grant me the serenity to  
accept the impossible trails I  
cannot crawl, courage to  
crawl the twisted trails I can  
and the wisdom to keep the  
tire side down.**



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