

# Low Range Ramblin'

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## Inland Empire 4 Wheelers



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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!

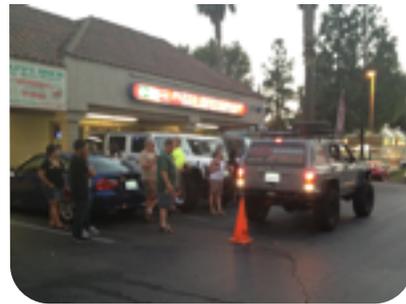
## IE<sub>4</sub>W ROUNDUP

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 Corner by Loren Campbell

As a Boy Scout, I learned to recite the Scout Law word for word, all 12 points and the paragraph that went with each one. I may not be able to remember what I had for lunch yesterday, but Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent flow right off my tongue to this day. I am so grateful that my Scoutmaster BG Allison taught me not only the words, but more how much more important it was to live them.

What I say I'm going to do, or even what I did is not nearly as important to me as what people remember when I'm not there. Did I make a difference? It's true not only in my personal life, but in business, and I think in our club. I heard this poem from Lou Holtz, and it's always meant a lot to me personally, and I like to think it applies to IE4W as well. I hope you like it....

### Your Name

*You got it from your father,  
t'was the best he had to give,  
And right gladly he bestowed it  
It's yours, the while you live.*

*You may lose the watch he gave you  
and another you may claim,  
But remember, when you're tempted,  
to be careful of his name.*

*It was fair the day you got it,  
and a worthy name to bear,  
When he took it from his father  
there was no dishonor there.*

*Through the years he proudly wore it,  
to his father he was true,  
And that name was clean and spotless  
when he passed it on to you.*

*Oh there's much that he has given  
that he values not at all,  
He has watched you break your playthings  
in the days when you were small.*

*You have lost the knife he gave you  
and you've scattered many a game,  
But you'll never hurt your father  
if you're careful with his name.*

*It is yours to wear forever,  
yours to wear the while you live,  
Yours, perhaps some distant morn,  
another boy to give.  
And you'll smile as did your father,  
with a smile that all can share,  
If a clean name and a good name  
you are giving him to wear.*

*-By Edgar Guest*



**IE4W Business Meeting – October 2nd, 2014**

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

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

The guests in attendance were as follows: Bill Beauchamp, Bryan Harris of Oak Hills, Bill and Sue Hope of Norco, Kristian Lee of Fontana, Christopher McConkey of Riverside, Ed Reichardt of Chino, Steve Santa of San Dimas, Scott Schoby of Norco, Todd Vargason of Rancho Cucamonga.

**Reports**

**Treasurers Report** - Mike Moore present – The club started July with \$37,507.98. During the month income was \$342.00 and expenditures were \$4,415.16. The club ended the month with \$33,434.82. Income included merchandise sales (\$133.00), fines (\$10.00), and raffle (\$199.00). Expenditures included awards and plaques (\$359.82), donations (\$2,150.00 \$2,000 AAT and \$150.00 Girl Scouts), merchandise (\$1,544.15 flags), Tax Return (\$10.00) and the usual bills for monthly expenses. New bills were presented.

**VP Report** – Sue Sloan absent

**Land Use** – Loren Campbell present – CORVA had a Calico clean-up day on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Ocotillo Wells land use issue is in a holding pattern waiting for a court date. A hearing with the Marine Corp and local residents was held regarding Johnson Valley’s shared use areas. There is an informative article on the CORVA website, please voice your opinion for Alternatives 1 and 3. There is a gas tax proposal, SB1077, which will likely increase our fuel price 10 to 76 cents per gallon. This will actually be a penalty on carbon emissions.

**Merchandise Report** – Welcome Peggy Ogaz. Kevin Rice reported that the club flags were promised by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Due to a production glitch, they will most likely be here the week of October 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Membership** – Barbara Bongiorno present – She has new member packets available.

**Forest Fest** – Mike present – The new Ranger was introduced at the OHV Leadership meeting. Mike will research the advantages of applying for a 5 year permit, as it would reduce the fee to 3%. Justin Burke has agreed to be the Vendor Chair.

**Hospitality Report** –Char and Craig Hart present.

**Round-Up Report** – Bill Henry present – RU is Tuesday, October 14th. The ramp will be there.

**AAT Report** – Jim Miller present – The SBNF AAT Awards Picnic was held on September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Discovery Center. All clubs received an appreciation certificate. IE4W took third place for the 1,408 hours put in. The second place was for 2,000 hours and first place was given for 2,400 hours. The IE4W challenge donation check for \$2,000 was given to the AAT, and they raised a total of \$7,500.00. There is a new AAT hours form available on the website that is combined with the regular trip roster. The fiscal year for AAT began on October 1<sup>st</sup>. It is our goal, as a club, to donate 2,800 hours this fiscal year

**Board of Directors**

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and be in First Place!

**Upcoming Club Runs – Events**

- October 10-13      Monthly Run - Trek to Table Mesa (Sedona, AZ.) – Loren Campbell – Nena Barlow  
will be the Tour Guide on Saturday for Upper Terminator.
- October 10-13      Victor Valley 4 Wheelers Fun in the Desert will be held at the Hammers. Derek Rist is planning on attending.
- October 17           Spangler Hills CORVA Southern Jamboree
- October 25-26      Calico – Mule Canyon – Steven and Amber Soliz
- November 7-9      Vegas Valley 4 Wheelers Hump & Bump -Tom Thompson will post the info on the website.
- November TBD      AAT run – Jim Miller
- Thanksgiving Wknd   Parker, AZ. Dick Gervais will check into club interest.
- Thanksgiving Wknd   Lucerne – Hammers – Justin Burke
- December 6          IE4W Christmas Party
- December 13        Yucaipa Christmas Parade – Jim and Sue Sloan
- New Year’s          Truckhaven – Jim and Sue Sloan

Shyann Traven is selling nuts and candy for a fall fundraiser for her Girl Scout troop.

The roster/sign in sheets started around.

**Website Report** – Steve Owen -Steve Owen has agreed to continue as Webmaster. Please send trip reports, pictures and anything for the website to his personal e-mail address. [kpfamilydoc@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:JimTeri2000@yahoo.com)

**Scholarship** – Mallory Jordon absent

**Historical Report** – Tim Kemp absent.**Safety** - Jerry Burgess present – Prospective club members, please see Jerry when you are prepared to have your vehicle inspection prior to membership vote. Jerry reminded us to do a pre-run inspection before each run.

**Break** – Jim Miller brought the snacks. Neal Stratton and Meghann Aynsley will bring snacks next month.

**September runs** – Russ Deer spoke about Randy’s Overnighter, which included a total of 33 rigs. They ran Holcomb Creek on Saturday, and a smaller group ran Dishpan on Sunday. Loren Campbell reported on the installation picnic.

**Old Business** – Loren spoke about the donation process and ongoing challenges to Corva Fast Aid and SBNF AAT. Since the matching fund started, Fast-Aid attended three fundraisers in conjunction with the Desert People 11 video premieres. They also received online donations and will be attending the BITD (Best In The Desert) race in Parker where there will be fundraising at the qualifying results party. Info has been posted on their social media sites, and turnouts have been great.

The Christmas Party will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup> at East Highlands Ranch club house. The club will provide Smoked tri-tip and turkey with members to bring potluck items to finish off the meal.

**New Business** – Tim Glider reported that he has the information on Ham radio education and testing offered at Patton State Hospital. Morgan Hertel will develop a plan and present information on Ham radio at the November meeting.

Loren Campbell would like to implement runs again for beginners. Other options would be to do Trail Guide training and trail repair basics.

Randy Stockberger will be putting together a Rescue Recovery Team phone/email chain.

Bill Henry suggested that the traditional Round-up be held in even months of the year and that the club have a “social activity” in the odd months, starting in 2015. A show of hands determined that most of the club is in favor of this. The discussion will continue next month, Rick Clay volunteered to host the first one in January.

**Sheriff’s Report** – George Biddlecombe present –Colors; Bob Yaryan, Rick Clay, Teri Patterson and Bonnie McNeill; Loren Campbell for late start of the meeting, and for continuously misplacing the pencil for the scorecard during the miniature golf game at the installation picnic.. Derek Rist for late arrival and early departure. Karen (Bob) Peterson for a popped bead on Randy’s overnighter.

**Raffle** – The raffle prizes were provided by Ken and Cindy Ehlers. Next month will be Joe Muhs.

A certificate of appreciation was presented to Joe Martinez for Merchandise Chair at Forest Fest.

Submitted by Kris Yaryan, IE4W Secretary

- Sheriff - \$8
- Raffle - \$136
- Merchandise - \$160

40 Memberships represented  
9 Guests

# November 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Kay Stauber Shelly Biddlecombe
<b>2</b> Daylight Savings	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Matt Martel	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Business Meeting Cindy Coffin Debbie Coffin	<b>7</b> Hump & Bump	<b>8</b> Hump & Bump Tim Gilder
<b>9</b> Hump & Bump  John & Audrey Harding	<b>10</b> Ian Burke	<b>11</b> Round Up  Ron & Randi LaBusch	<b>12</b> Jim Patterson Emily Burris	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>  Doug & Kellie Russell	<b>17</b> Mitchell Owen	<b>18</b>  Morgan & Laura Hertel	<b>19</b> Johnny McRae/Nunnally	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Audrey Harding  Matt & Sue Martel	<b>22</b> AAT Run
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  Chaun & Dani Goldber	<b>27</b> Thanksgiving	<b>28</b> Hammers Kristin Lynn Tony Nunnally	<b>29</b> Hammers Bonnie McNeill
<b>30</b> Hammers	<h2>Upcoming Events</h2>					

Dec 6th IE4W Christmas Party  
 Dec 13th Yucaipa Christmas Parade  
 New Year's at Truckhaven

**\*\*NOTE FROM EDITOR:** Please send any information, trail reports and pictures to the editor @ [newsletter@ie4w.com](mailto:newsletter@ie4w.com) or you can send directly to me @ [jimteri2000@yahoo.com](mailto:jimteri2000@yahoo.com) . This is the only way to make your Newsletters thrive.

## FSH 12.34 – While Driving by Jerry Burgess

Last month IE4W discussed safety related to inspecting your vehicle “before driving” and our presence in the forest on forest service roads and trails. Appropriately, there is an excellent section in the Forest Service Handbook related to safety for employees driving government vehicles - Section “12.34 – While Driving”. Please consider the following and as a reminder, breaking the **BOLD** fonted rules can cause deaths.

1. **Always wear your safety belt(s).** The vehicle operator shall ensure passengers also wear safety belts. If two types of restraint are available, use both.
2. Honor the right-of-way of pedestrians.
3. **To prevent accidents, make concessions to other drivers who are thoughtless, unskilled, or ignorant of the hazards they create. Drive defensively and yield the right-of-way even when, by all rules of the road, it is yours.**
4. Be aware of traffic situations developing far ahead of the vehicle. Use the rearview and sideview mirrors often and keep your eyes moving to enlarge the “big picture.”
5. **Drive to avoid accident situations created by the mistakes of others or by weather and road conditions.**
6. Do not compromise your safety, the safety of your passengers, or public safety when driving. The following are prohibited:
  - a. Engaging in distracting conversation or activities.
  - b. **Eating or drinking.**
  - c. Using a two-way radio.
  - d. Using a hand-held cellular telephone.
  - e. Using radio/stereo headphones.
  - f. Taking prescription drugs that may cause dizziness or lack of concentration or reduce response time.
  - g. Reading maps, instructions, or other material.
  - h. Transporting pets. Transporting pets in Government vehicles generally is not allowed. Transporting pets shall be addressed on a case-by-case basis and documented in the job hazard analysis.
7. **Keep well to the right side on narrow roads and blind curves. Be able to stop within less than half of the visible distance.**
8. **Reduce speed when driving on wet, hard-surfaced roads. The front wheels may hydroplane and lose contact with the road surface.**
9. Adjust the vehicle speed and select the proper gear before ascending or descending a hill and entering turns.
10. Pull off the road for a break or to change drivers if you experience any of these warning signs:
  - a. Vehicle begins to feel too warm.
  - b. Drowsiness, especially after meals.
  - c. Eye strain.
  - d. **Inattention, daydreaming.**
  - e. Hallucinations (for example, misinterpreting shadows, reflections, objects on or near road) resulting in an impulse to strongly control the vehicle.
  - f. Impatience, irritability not normally experienced.
  - g. Stress that results in anxiety, anger, or lack of concentration.
  - h. Muscular tension, restlessness, or inability to get comfortable.
11. Emergency Stopping.
  - a. When it is safe to do so, move the vehicle to the shoulder of the road, away from traffic.
  - b. Set the emergency brake.
  - c. Activate four-way flashers.
  - d. Keep alert to passing traffic.
  - e. Exit the vehicle when traffic volume/flow presents undue hazards.
  - f. Raise the hood.
  - g. Display emergency reflectors, triangles, or other suitable warning devices.
12. If the vehicle is jacked up and/or parked on a grade, follow these steps:
  - a. Turn the wheels into bank or curb to avoid rolling.
  - b. Shut off engine while your foot is on the service brake and then set the emergency brake. Put the transmission in the lowest gear that is the direction the vehicle would roll or into park for an automatic transmission.
  - c. Block at least one wheel with chock blocks (or other suitable chock, such as a rock or log) . Chocking two wheels is preferred.
13. Prevent carbon monoxide poisoning in a parked vehicle by partially opening a downwind window when running the engine for heat.

## Trek to Table Mesa and Sedona October 9-13, 2014

Trail Leader- Loren Campbell and Joe Martinez  
 Tail Gunner- Bob and Kris Yaryan  
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 Mid Gunner- Bill Henry and Karen Cramer  
 Mike Moore and Michael Maxson  
 Tom and Sherie Thompson  
 Randy and Roxanne Stockberger  
 Mark and Peggy Ogaz  
 George and Kay Stauber  
 Jim and Teri Patterson

### Guests:

Curt and Kim Harmon  
 Jon and Nia Dover  
 Jim Smith, Chandler Contadino, and Tom Forbes  
 Nena Barlow- Guest Trailer Leader



### Thursday-Caravans from IE to Table Mesa

Well the trip was supposed to have been Friday through Monday, but everybody was so excited to get to Arizona, Kevin, Barbara, Bill, Karen, Mike, Mike, Tom, Randy, Roxanne, George, Kay, Jim and Teri hit the road with the first group about 8:00 Thursday morning. Bob, Kris, Joe and I hit the road at 2:00, with Kurt and Kim following in about an hour. Mark and Peggy were the last to leave the IE and were on the road by 6. Everyone had an uneventful but scenic 5 ½ hour drive to Table Mesa.

We had planned to dry camp in the Rock Springs Café parking lot, but when the first group arrived and found that the Black Canyon Ranch RV Park was only a mile away, had full hookups, a pool, and a kickbutt community room for only \$40 per night, we quickly said Good Bye to dry camping. Everybody in the first group setup camp quickly and ventured back to the Rock Springs Café to hit the bar and get some grub. 14 guests showing up on a Thursday doubled the crowd in the bar, and they were entertained by a great guitar player for a few hours.

About the time Bob, Kris, Joe, and I were coming into camp, everyone returned and helped us get parked in the dark. We quickly settled in that first night, and got mentally prepared to find and run our first trails the next morning.

### Friday- Crap Shoot and Predator

Jon and Nia Dover drove up from Phoenix to meet us in the Park for the run. We had our driver's meeting, which included another caution by me that we were going on an exploratory adventure, and that I had no idea how long or how difficult any of the trails would be, and doing UTurns would be part of the adventure they could count on. Since I was going to be busy navigating, I asked Randy to be in front of the group and I would follow with my Ipad and View Ranger app. In true IE4W form, everybody seemed charged up to go, so we moved our Jeeps over to the RV Park Office for a Facebook picture, and by 9:20, we were on the road to Table Mesa Road. About 15 minutes later, at the end of the pavement, we pulled off on in a large staging area and aired down. We were reminded by the sound of gunshots that we were on BLM land in Arizona, which means open shooting in most areas.



It wasn't long before I decided by seeing signs with skulls, crossbones, and many warnings about not going this way that I called out to Randy for our first 180 and waved Howdy to everyone in the line as we went by. Quickly finding Crap Shoot, we began navigating our way along a very scenic Saguaro Forest through the Bradshaw Mountains. The area was beautifully green from recent rains in the area, which also had the benefit of killing dust on the trail. The trail is a loop with no difficult sections, but the scenery was awe inspiring. Cattle roamed the area and we saw some clever solar stills used to extract water from the desert soil to water the cattle. The entire loop was about 14 miles in length and we finished that trail by noon. Our next trail on Friday was Predator, a 4 rated trail according to some of the reports we found. We made a water crossing at the Agua Fria River, and were amazed by a never ending forest of Saguaro cactus. As we were going down the road to the start of the trail, Randy stopped quickly and reported the road was closed with a fence. The road had washed out, and had a 10' gap we couldn't go through. My heart sank that the afternoon plans may be shot, but we found a detour trail, and when the detour crossed a creek with trees and some shade, we decided that was the perfect place for lunch.



After lunch we proceeded on down the trail and quickly found the loop that Predator was located on. Unfortunately, within a mile of starting the loop, we began a beautiful descent down into another wash. It was so pretty, that I stopped paying attention to the GPS track, and after about 20 minutes discovered that we were not on the right trail. I quickly confirmed this with Teri Patterson, who had another GPS track of the trail, and we made the decision to turn around and head back up the trail. Unfortunately, Randy had blasted off ahead and hadn't been seen or heard from in quite awhile. I wasn't sure if he might not have taken the wrong turn we did, so had everyone wait up and went racing on down the trail in search of Randy. Near the bottom of the wash, I told Joe that I didn't think Randy had come this way and to turn back around and head up to the rest of the group when Joe spotted Randy walking back to his red CJ just around the corner. We quickly gathered him up, ran back up the trail to the rest of the group,



and got back to the hard right we had missed on the way in. By this time, I had lost some confidence of my navigation skills, and we stumbled around looking for the trail, which ran smack down the middle of a stream bed. After about 4-500 yards downstream, we saw an obstacle that merited a look see before proceeding down it. It was a very difficult straddle of a big drop, with a slip on either side of the straddle causing body damage.



Jim Patterson said he wanted to try it in Sasquatch, and with careful spotting by Randy and Jim's expert driving skills, he made it through the obstacle without incident. Of course, there was another obstacle a few yards downstream that was even more difficult, but Jim also went expertly through this as well. By this time it was 3:00, and with 12 rigs to get through these 2 obstacles, plus any more we found on the remainder of the trail, we made a decision to let those that wanted to go continue, and I would lead everyone else back to camp.

Jim and Teri, Randy and Roxanne, and Bill and Karen decided to push on and finish the trail. I gave Karen my sat phone and some quick instructions and waved them off. I then got everyone turned around and started back out with everyone else. Shortly after we got back on the I17 headed to camp, we heard a radio call from Teri that they had finished the trail and were heading back.

Dinner that night was at Rock Springs Café, and when we showed up, the parking lot that was deserted the night before was jam packed. Expecting a length delay in getting seated for our group of 24, the Café rocked it by escorting us straight to our table of 24 and efficiently began getting us our drinks and meal orders. The food was great, but Rock Springs is famous for their pies, and they were certainly not a disappointment. Even Randy, the Pie King of Jeeps everywhere, gave glowing marks! Especially recommended were the Jack Daniels Pecan, Mixed Berry Crumb, and Rhubarb Crumb pies.

When we got back to camp, we fired up the campfire and gathered around, while others went for a dip in the pool. We discussed changing our plans slightly to run both Terminators on Saturday so that we could get to Sedona early in the afternoon to relax and take in a quick trail to view the Red Rocks. We also voted to move our pot luck breakfast to Sunday morning. Once again, it was an early night....

**Saturday- Lower and Upper Terminator with Nena Barlow as Trail Guide**  
And early to rise, we made a 7:30 departure so that we could have time to do both trails in a single day. Nena Barlow and Jim Smith with his friends Chandlar and Tom met us at the same airdown spot on Table Mesa Road. Nena is the owner of Barlow Jeep Rentals, Barlow Adventures, and The Jeep School and we were very grateful to have her spend the day leading us. She gave us an overview of the trails we were planning for the day, and we hit the trail at 8:30.





We proceeded down the same road we had used on Friday, and ended up turning off onto Lower Terminator. Terminator follows a stream bed/wash, and there was a lot of water in the trail, making it very pretty and challenging as our tires were almost constantly wet. Some of the water obstacles were very deep, one of the first ones the water reached my high mounted rotapax on the departure angle climbing out of the hole. Lower Terminator has several obstacles that have alternate bypasses of different difficulties. Jim Smith was driving a Wrangler Sport

without lockers, so we had to stack a lot of rocks to get him through the obstacles and once or twice a strap. I think all of us got a lesson from Nena on how the Jeep Traction Control System works to gain traction. Once a wheel starts to spin, if you stay with the spinning wheel for a full second, the traction control starts working and shifts power to the other wheel. Not a match for lockers, but it really did make a difference. Nena gave us continual updates about the archeology, geology, and history of the development of offroad trails in Table Mesa. One designation that BLM began using in this area is the use of "TV" in numbering the trails, which stands for Technical Vehicle. We went through the first half of the trail pretty quickly, and stopped at a shaded spot for lunch.



After lunch, we discovered that we were only about 150 yards from the spot we had lunch the day before. At this point, a few of the group decided to go back to camp to relax, so Mike and Joe, Jim and Teri, Tom and Sheri, Bob and Kris, and Jon and Nia took off and left us to negotiate Upper Terminator.



Upper Terminator was much more challenging than Lower Terminator, a lot of the obstacles were very narrow with vertical walls on both sides that you had to wedge yourself through and stay up high enough on the walls to keep the vehicle sides from hitting. With careful spotting in these sections, and some careful rock stacking, we made it nearly to the end of the trail. A few of us were already off the trail when we heard a radio call that Jim Smith's steering stabilizer was bent, but it turned out it had only slipped and rotated, so was quickly fixed and the report was that they

were moving again. By this time, it was almost 4:00, and we were all ready for cocktail hour and dinner potluck beginning soon. Then came the call on the radio that nobody wanted to hear, we heard a report that somebody's Jeep wouldn't start. At first we were told it was fuel related, and we worried that a TJ fuel pump may have been the culprit. It turned out that the battery in Mark Ogaz's Jeep had gone dead, and it was quickly jumped by George Stauber and we moved on to the airup spot. By the time we left there it was almost 6:00, so we hurried back and set the time of the potluck for 7:00.

Food is always a highlight at any IE4W event, and this was no exception. The park had a great clubhouse adjoining the pool that we were able to use, and the food began pouring out of the RV's onto the tables. Lasagna, Italian sausage, garlic bread, macaroni salad, chicken enchiladas, green salad, and PIES were some of the things I remember gorging myself on. The next day was going to be a light day, with a breakfast potluck in the morning followed by breaking camp and driving onto Sedona for most of us, so we stayed up late Saturday night around the campfire.



**Sunday- Breakfast Potluck, Drive to Sedona, and Soldier Pass**

We woke up to another beautiful morning of bright sunny blue skies, a temperature of 70 degrees, and looking forward to Sedona and more important, our breakfast pot luck. The assortment of foods was amazing, Green Eggs, Pancakes, Bacon, Abelskivers, Bacon Cheddar Muffins, Breakfast Potatoes, Granola with fresh fruit and yogurt, Mimosas, and assortments of fresh baked breads. We had a leisurely morning, packed up Jeeps and RVs, and began pulling out of the parking lot about 10:30. Bob and Kris had to head home to get ready for their vacation to Minnesota, and Curt and Kim had work to do the next day, but everybody else fell into small groups and made the short 1:15 drive to Sedona. There are 2 routes, and both of them have a long 6% grade, but nobody had any difficulty and were soon pulling into the famous Red Rocks of Sedona. In addition to its natural scenic beauty, Sedona has been a spiritual center for many years. In 1987 it was the sight of the Universal Harmonic Convergence, where new age adherents believed that a spaceship would lift out of the Bell Rock Vortex. The only thing that got lifted was \$150 for each ticket to the event, but there is a spiritual feel when you enter Red Rock Country.



Rancho Sedona RV Campground is nestled in giant cottonwood trees along Oak Creek, and was a perfect place to base our stay at. One thing we quickly learned is that not only do they have rules, but their rules have rules. Quiet Time from 10:00 to 7:00 and inside your rig with the curtains pulled so you don't disturb your neighbors, don't forget to turn off exterior light either, don't drive on concrete pads, no excessive music or noise, no sewer hoses on the ground...For some it might have been daunting as the first day in school, but not for IE4W.

We decided to make the 2 mile commute into town for lunch, and found the village was packed with tourists, so much that it was very difficult to find parking, tables, bartenders, even food. Some of us ate, drank and did some shopping, while others gave up and went back to the RV and enjoyed the wonderful day.

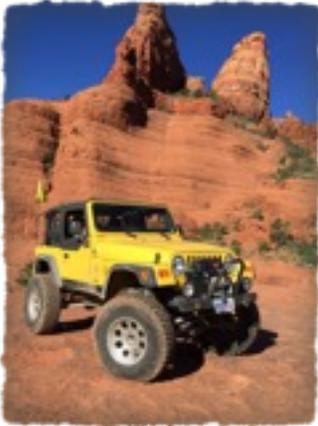
At 4:00, we gathered up for a short run to Soldier Pass, which is located in town. Soldier Pass was named for an 1871 military op led by General George Crook to relocate Apache Indians away from their perennial water source, the Seven Sacred Pools. The trail is an in and out, with a short drive to the end of the 2 mile along trail to turn around, and then stop at some of the sights on the way back out.



The first stop was the Seven Sacred Pools, where history tells us that the pools have been a source of drinking water for all of recorded history for the Apache and Yavapai Indians. After spending a few minutes there, we loaded back up in our Jeeps and drove across Devils Staircase to the Devil's Kitchen. The DK is a massive sinkhole that collapsed in 1880, and took with it a cottonwood tree that planted itself on the bottom of the 65' sinkhole and is still growing today. In 1989, a huge piece of rock was dislodged from the corner and fell to the bottom, being named the Grand Piano. Beautiful views of the sinkhole and the surrounding box canyon was a time for many pics, and then we loaded up again and headed out for more shopping or to get ready for dinner.



At 7:00, our group of 18 met at The Barking Frog for dinner in a private room. Since we were in a Southwestern restaurant, we started off with appropriate cocktails including things like Prickly Pear and Horny Toad Margaritas and DesertMojitos. Delish! Dinner included things like Cactus Fries, Barking Frogs, and huge Rellenos. It was a great evening of fine food, service, and awesome fellowship.

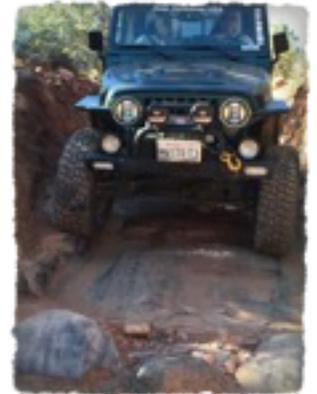


**Monday- Broken Arrow and Trip Home**

Since one of the rules was that we had to argue with Cindy the last trail, Broken Arrow. Broken Arrow is Sedona's most famous, popular and beautiful trails. The first stop on the short trail was the Submarine Rock. This huge red rock formation offers a point of all the mountains and red rock formations, it is truly awe inspiring. another mile or so to Chicken Rock.



be out of camp by 11, and nobody wanted to Camp Host, we left camp at 7:30 to run our Arrow. Broken Arrow is Sedona's most famous, beautiful trails. The first stop on the short magnificent This huge red rock fantastic vantage surrounding rock formations, it is Back in the Jeeps for led us to Chicken



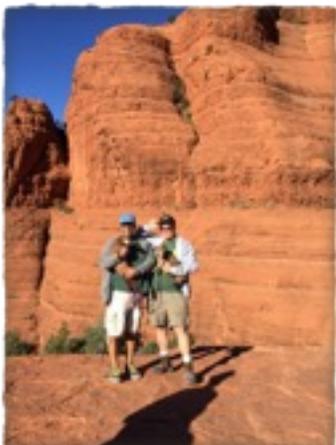
You used to be able to drive all the way around Chicken Rock, but vehicle access is now restricted to walking the area. Another great spot for fantastic pictures. A short distance away is Mushroom Rock, where you still can drive all the way around the formation, in fact we were able to get all of our group around the mushroom. The final obstacle is The Steps, a series of small ledges descending back down to the trail to exit.



As promised, we arrived back in camp at 9:30 to begin packing up to head up. By 10:30, groups of 2-3 vehicles were pulling out of camp for the 7 hour drive home. On one of the Highway 179 6% grades, Joe and I relived the horror experience from the movie Duel when a Semi forced them off the highway onto the shoulder...Mike Maxson texted "that was close". We called in a report to the trucking company, and when they said they were calling the driver right away, I began worrying that the encounter wasn't over, but remembering that the truck in Duel always came from behind, I stayed well behind him to avoid any future issues.

Just before we got to Buckeye on the I10 just west of Phoenix, Joe and I saw the Staubers on the side of the highway, so started pulling over with Mike and Mike following. They had the left rear tire blow on their flattowed Jeep, destroying the tire and wheel. AAA was already on the way and Mark and Peggy Ogaz were already on the way to pickup lunch for them, so they told us to go on.

A few minutes later, we stopped for fuel and lunch in Buckeye at the Loves Truck Stop. As we were walking to the Burger King through all the parked trucks, I kept my eyes open and was ready to practice my quick draw for that menacing truck, but fortunately the truck and its driver were not to be seen.



Getting close to Rice Road, we spotted Jim and Teri on the exit ramp as we went screaming by, but a quick call indicated that they had just stopped to remove a CB antenna. By the time we got to Cabazon, we were once again a caravan of 5 RVs and Jeeps for the final journey into the IE.

It was an awesome weekend, 1000 miles of driving and 6 Arizona trails, the First Trek to Table Mesa is now a part of IE4W history.

Proud IE4W Members  
Loren Campbell and Joe Martinez



**QUICK HAT TRICK RUN REPORT**

Members

Curtiss Freeman

Richard Mordoff ( and passenger )

Guests

Dan Kim , passenger R. Flores photographer

Josh Nevelson , passenger Lance Hanson photographer

We met up at the Hook Creek gas station at 7 am, Dan was running late so we went to the parking lot at Jensen's market (which is closed due to fire), since the gas station was opening for business and we did not want to block their lot. We aired down while waiting for Dan. We hit the dirt about 7:45 am and proceeded to the T-6 crossing and the start of Dish Pan.

I went up first and then spotted the two guest up in their FJ's. Richard started up a different line and ended up stuck between a rock and a hard place. A little winching and he was back on line and up. We made it



to the last water fall with no problems. We walked up to the top to explain the different lines and noticed that the ruts were deeper and that there was a lot of logs and rocks piled next to the left exit so one wouldn't lean towards the tree when taking that line. I went up first and took the line next to the big rock keeping my driver tire on the big rock with

Richard spotting made it look easy. The rest of the group took the line to the left by the tree. We proceeded to tent peg for a 10-100 break and to stretch our legs. Richard had prior engagement he need to go to so he went on his way. We went to the start of Holcomb and I led the way in. We all made it in and in the rock garden Dan came down slightly off camber and took out his tail light on the drivers side. We made it up to the top and stopped for lunch. We made our way down just past the x-trail and ran into My Jeep Rocks AAT crew. They said trail closed ahead as they were building a bridge



and was impassable for at least two hours, so we turned around and went out via the X- trail. Made it to Big Pine Flat camp ground and stopped again for 10-100 and stretch. Due to time constraints we decided not to do John Bull and proceeded to Gold Mountain via 3N16. We went up and over and through the rock quarry with no incidents. We aired up at the bottom by hwy. 18 and said our goodbyes. Everyone had a great time and really enjoyed the trails. I hope to get some pictures from the two photographers soon and will post on the web site and send some to the news letter.

FJ Curtiss

**Cleghorn Cruise**

Sunday, October 19th, 2014

Members Present:

Tim "Timmay" Kemp in "Timmay's Turtle JK"

Steve "Dr. Awesome" Owen in "The Lunchbox"

Kevin Rice in his "Stretched TJ"

Guests Present:

Todd "Vargy" Vargason in his White TJ

It had been quite a long time since I've been on the **trail**,

So Steve, Kevin, Vargy and I hit up Cleghorn on a clear fall day.

The trail we did run without so much as a whimper or a **fail**.

A team of good Jeepers we did have, but alas, the trail boss will have to pay.

The rocks of Cleghorn we did **run**,

But Timmay and Steve had to be back at The Lodge for a special dinner.

It's really too bad they had to go and miss the Pilot Rock **fun**

For Kevin and Vargy owned Pilot Rock like a winner. A good time was had by all under the bright October **sun**,

For a Jeeping we will go in the future and perhaps another run.

Sincerely,  
Timmay

## Miller Jeep Trail Run

Members:

Curtiss Freeman 07 FJ

Ben Hoskins TJ

Eddy

Guests:

Pedro Guimares 10 FJ

Robert Rossi 08 FJ

Lyle 07 FJ

We met at the Denny's in Frazier park at 9:30 am and headed out at 10 am. as I had never run this trail Lyle volunteered to be trail leader and I was tail gunner. we proceeded to the trail head off Lockwood canyon rd. We aired down and



talked about the trail, it starts out as the Lockwood canyon trail which runs for approx. 6 miles then

connects to the Miller Jeep Trail. The trail starts up hill kind of steep, when we came to the first obstacle, a step up, Lyle went thru then Ben made it look easy. Robert didn't have any skid plates so he went around. Pedro got turtled on his first attempt and I was able to strap him back and Ben spotted him up. Since I was tail I saw the line everyone else took and made it up no problem. The trail has a lot of climbs with tight turns. the area is still recovering from fire damage so it looked like a ghost forest with the trees all bleached white with no leaves. We stopped for lunch just before the Lockwood creek crossing, while there a couple of jeeps went by. we started back out at about 1230. Once you cross the creek two times and cross the valley you are at the start of the Miller Jeep trail. the trail starts climbing and reminded me of the back side of Gold Mountain with the rocks. We were approaching the first major obstacle we noticed that one of the jeeps that had passed us sitting sideways on top of the obstacle blocking the trail. we went up to see what the problem was and saw that he had broken one ear off of the rear u-joint. his partner was coming back down after turning around to winch him off the obstacle back onto the trail. They did not remove the rear drive shaft before winching. As he was being pulled he was helping with the front wheels and his drive shaft was flailing around banging on the jeep. We told him to stop and explained that he needed to remove it. Since Ben was the only jeep guy with us he explained how to remove it. Once he got it off they tried to



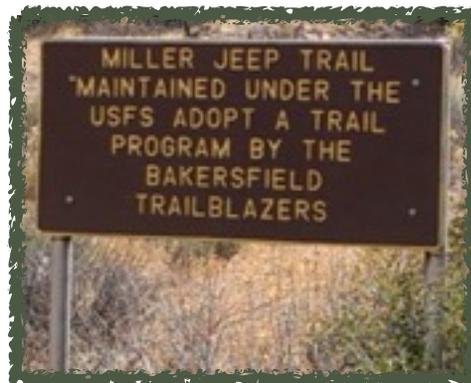
winch it up some more but something in the transfer case had gotten broken on the first attempt and the front drive shaft would not turn. This was a 4 door JK and the other was a TJ (I think) and he was not able to winch him up hill off of the obstacle, so Ben went around positioned him self and together

they were able to winch it back to the trail. The fun didn't stop there due to the steep grade and the weight of the JK the only way to get him off the trail was by Ben strapped to the first jeep then that jeep strapped to the broken one and started up. the next obstacle was a ledge up and a hard right turn. Ben went over and turned the second jeep swung wide left which caused him to be pulled sideways due to the position of the trail. His tire came up against a large rock and he flopped on his side. He was not wearing his seat belt and popped thru his soft top. Ben came back and with only inches to spare was able to get him back on his wheels. with lots of help from another group who had caught up to us we were able to make it up to the top of the trail. The Miller Jeep trail is only 3 mile long but it took us 6 hours to complete the trail. Over all we had a



good trip and even learned a few things from Ben on how to recover a flopped vehicle and the importance of the seat belt.

I would like to do this run again with out any incidents.  
FJ Curtiss Freeman



## CALICO TRIP REPORT

### Attendees:

Steven & Amber Soliz  
 Curtiss Freeman  
 Bob  
 Kevin Rice & Barbara  
 Bryan Harris  
 Jamie & Kim Duncanson  
 Andy Agilar  
 Todd Vargason

So it begins Friday night at about midnight.... wait I think that makes it Saturday morning, I get a call from Jamie saying he got his truck towing the jeep stuck some where along the road in, after asking a few questions we found out he had passed the camp spot and remembers seeing a yellow FJ, being pretty sure it was Curtiss he sent Kim in her Ford flex towing a tent trailer back to see if Curtiss could help pull him out, so he did and all I know is Curtiss had to pull him out 2 or 3 times, broke a tie down ring and a taillight on the trailer and when we got there at approximately 3:30 am Jamie was just starting to set up camp.

Saturday "Day" was a much better time! Starting with everyone slowly getting up at about 7:30 with only about 4 hours of sleep everyone was in good Spirits and looking forward to the day of wheeling. At approximately 9:30 Bryan Harris and Bob showed up Ready to go. Once we got everyone loaded up we headed out to Odessa Canyon, Meandered our way through to the first waterfall, with some finesse we were able to get Jamie and his Unlocked XJ up without any problem and Bryan in his JK up no problem, Curtiss up with a little extra throttle, then there was Todd in his TJ with a manual transmission, had a little struggle trying to drive with 3 feet so we gave him a little tug and got him on up and over, same with Bob due to some holes being made at the base of the waterfall. Got through the rest of the trail without incident everyone made it by the "falling apart bridge" portion without any issue just some white knuckling and great spotting by Bob. Headed over to Bismark Mine for some lunch and to meet up with Andy in his KJ, then headed over to the Wall Street overlook which I have never been to so I let Bob lead this portion, got to the first obstacle and instantly realized this is not a trail for the Little KJ, so Andy hopped in with Curtiss and left his jeep at the entrance. Getting through the first obstacle required a tight s turn and a little spotting down the waterfall, then onto the last obstacle which consisted of a 6' waterfall that was pretty much straight down and all you had was a spotter to get you on the right line, everyone made it down with no issue, I will say my personal experience on

this one was "wheres the bottom?". Got to wall street and headed back out, got everyone up the obstacles with no issue, and headed back to camp via Phillips Loop. Bryan and Todd packed up said their goodbyes and headed out while the rest of us kicked back and relaxed.

Sunday, Kevin and Barbara met up with us and headed out at about 10am and headed to Doran Canyon, took the bypass around the gatekeeper to save it for later, headed on through and got to a section with 3 medium sized waterfalls with loose rock all over. Curtiss was having a little trouble trying to take a hard line as Kevin noticed Curtiss's front locker wasn't working, so with some spotting got him over the obstacle. got to the biggest waterfall on Doran and with some finesse I was able to get up and over without incident, got Jamie in his unlocked XJ to the climb and just couldn't get up and over, gave him a tug and hes up no problem, next was Curtiss, gave it a few Tries but just couldn't get the traction needed to get up so Jamie gave Curtiss a tug to get up, then Kevin walked right up with no issues. shortly after the waterfall we got to a small obstacle with a very difficult offshoot that Kevin wanted to give a try, as i was spotting Kevin I noticed Curtiss stuck on a small boulder and seemed to be in 2wd, so I went over to investigate and after inspection it appeared at some point in the trail he broke a half shaft on the driver side, so without the locker engaged no power would come from the front end, Locker engaged and with 3wd he was able to finish the trail. Then got back to spotting Kevin through the offshoot, which was a big deep v Notch that used every inch of Kevins flex.

After Doran we headed over to the Coyote Lake Lookout, then back to camp where Jamie and Kim Packed up and headed out, while Kevin Curtiss and I Headed over to the gatekeeper, Kevin didnt even get out to look at it and started heading up gate keeper with me spotting, after about 5 Mins of massaging rocks with rubber tires the gatekeeper let Kevin have some progress and got up past the first climb on to the next, with a little wheel walking got up and over, re-positioned twice and got up and out! no issues at all.

All in all a Great run, Had lots of fun! Thanks to all who came out!

Steven Soliz

P.S.

Kevin You mite wanna Make your drivers rear tire your spare now.

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