

Low Range Ramblin'

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WHO IS IE₄W?

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



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

IE4W ROUNDUP

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

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

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

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

Graziano's Pizza Restaurant

1080 E Washington St.

Colton, CA 92324

(909) 824-2770

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



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

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



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

IE4W Club Website:

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

President's Corner

Welcome Spring.

Big Bear Forest Fest is fast approaching. The Mikes house is abuzz with activity. We'll be pre-running the many trails next month. It's now time for everyone to put our best foot forward. We will need help with camp setup, check-in, safety, running trails, meal preparation and serving along with cleanup or whatever else comes up. Please sign up with any of the many committee chairman.



Mallory, Great Job! Powder Puff was fun and entertaining. We had a few rule offenders, come on guys, step it up... We could all use a little help with our wardrobe selection next year. Personally, I'm going to have Geraldine be my "personal shopper", Geraldine, you were missed.

While many folks were in the midst of what looks like a fantastic time in Moab (well Super D, you have some explaining to do) others were having a grand time at Pole Position Kart racing (well Morgan might have a different opinion on that).

Looking forward to hearing all the stories at the meeting.

Bill Henry



IE4W Business Meeting – March 3, 2016

Open Meeting

Called to order by President Bill Henry at CrossWalk.

Tim Kemp led pledge of Allegiance.

The guests in attendance were as follows: Mickey Ask of Colton, Bill Rhetts of Redlands, Larry Hoatson of Yucaipa, Bobby Holley of Riverside, Greg Silver of Eastvale, Gary Walters of Moreno Valley, Bob Berg of Orange, Wes Hoffmaster of Whittier, Matt Baker of Highland and Steve Santa of San Dimas.

The secretary's minutes were approved for the February 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 February with \$39,962.34. During the past month income was \$108.00 and expenditures were \$1,047.04. The club ended the month of February with \$39,023.30. Income included raffle at \$108.00. Expenditures included 1 year of rent at \$480.00 and normal monthly expenses. New bills were presented.

Vice President - Sue Sloan present - Sue reported on the Antiquities Act and stated that President Obama signed the bill to have 3 new monuments and to close the land to off road use.

Merchandise - Peggy Ogaz present – She urged to buy, buy, buy. There was a sale on the 2015 Forest Fest black hoodies.

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

Hospitality – Craig Hart present – Craig reported that all is going well with hospitality.

Forest Fest - Mike Moore present – Mike shared that they had the first Forest Fest meeting, and the art work has been submitted for the 2016 Forest Fest “royal blue” shirts (see March newsletter for design.) New windshield stickers have been designed with a bear claw theme. Registration has increase \$5.00 and will be at \$65.00. This year there will be a zip line instead of the rock wall. All members were encouraged to help on the trail runs.
Round Up - Jamie Duncanson present – March 8 will be the next Round Up.

AAT - Jim Sloan present – Thursday, March 10 will be the AAT managers meeting. There has been a major cave in on 3N16 at Crabflats. More info to follow on what will need to be done at that location.

Website - Kim Duncanson present - Updates are moving forward on all parts of the website.

Scholarship - Mallory Jordon present – Mallory is waiting for applicants to mail in their applications. The deadline is March 25, 2016.

Board of Directors

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Newsletter - Teri Patterson present - Teri's last newsletter will be April. Char Hart will be taking over this position.

Safety - Jerry Burgess present – Jerry talked about the fact that Spring is the time of year when snakes are emerging to enjoy the warmer weather. In his March newsletter article, you will find the different snakes that are known to be found in our area. The California Poison Control Center advises to stay calm, wash bite with soap and water, remove items that may constrict from swelling, immobilize area and transport to medical facility.

Break

Dannie and Chaun Goldberg were unable to provide snacks as Dannie's Grandmother was very ill. Jennifer Traven will provide refreshments in April.

Past Runs & Events

Calico - February 19 - 21, 2016 - Bob Peterson – 17 guests and approximately 36 members attended the annual Calico weekend run. Beautiful weather, good company and another great run planned by Bob.

I Don't Know Where I'm Going – February 6, 2016 – Rick Clay – 4 guests and 10 members met at the Angelus Oaks restaurant and headed to Gold Mountain. A lot of snow was encountered and the group headed back down via Holcomb Creek. Once down the hill they had a good dinner at Mi Cocina in Highland.

North Coyote Canyon – February 27, 2016 – Tom and Sherie Thompson – 10 guests and 17 members met in Temecula and picked up the Kemp family in Anza. They drove down the Turkey Track, ran Horse Canyon and turned around and ran Coyote Canyon down to Bailey's Cabin and had lunch. After lunch all ran Alder Canyon.

Upcoming Club Runs & Events

Jim Sloan - Present – See Yahoo Groups for more information on all upcoming runs.

March 12 - Mallory Jordon – Powder Puff run.

March 23 – April 3 - Moab, Easter Jeep Safari - Loren Campbell.

April 2 – 3 – Steve and Amber Soliz – Last Chance Canyon

April 16– Bill Henry – Berdoo Canyon. Bill will be doing a pre-run and let us know more.

April 30 – Mike Ortega – Gold Mountain, John Bull

May 27 - 30 – Mark Ogaz – Memorial Day weekend. Taboose run.

June 17 – 19 – Forest Fest

September 23-25 – Installation Picnic

Old Business

We had the privilege of meeting Wheelr', the IE4W sponsored guide dog. His gentle spirit and waggin' tail represent the club well.

New Business

Loren presented the idea of picking the groups that we want to do challenge grants with. Doing it sooner will allow us to do presentation at Forest Fest. Loren will contact these groups and come back to the April meeting and present those interested in the challenge. Some of the groups suggested by members are as follows: Oceana Dunes, Veterans Independence Fund, Cal 4 Wheel, Guide Dogs, Ronald McDonald House, CORVA, Blue Ribbon, Fast Aid.

Sheriff's Report - George Biddlecombe present - **Colors** – Piddidy, Bob Yaryan, Steven Soliz, Amber Soliz, Doug Russel, Jen "baby carrot" Traven. **General Tomfoolery** - Bill Henry announced that it's October... There ARE a lot of old people here apparently. Yogi Burgess made statement to "Remember to always watch where you're looking." Bobby Holley locked keys in Jeep. John Maldonado locked keys in Jeep. Bo Roller locked keys in truck @KOH, Matt Martel dropped / lost club flag.

Don't know where I'm going run - George Stauber left the trail early.

Calico - Jim Sloan, fastest break in Calico ever. broke coming out of his trailer. Randy Stockberger, ARB failure... Again

Death Valley - George Stauber - Is the "flashlight going off" the same as telling your date that "you just ran out of gas?"

January snow run - Everyone got stuck but Ken Ehlers was the first. Piddidy fell out of Jeep then dropped phone in snow. Tire kept going flat. Jim Pattersons dog bit the sheriff. Ken Ehlers - Cindy Crapwalk Ehlers.

Raffle - Tim and Sharla Glider provided the epic March raffle prizes. Russ Deer will provide prizes for April.

Merchandise - \$335.00, Sheriff - \$20.00, Raffle - \$500.00

Submitted by Laura Hertel, IE4W Secretary

Present at March 3, 2016 Meeting: 50 memberships represented and 10 guests.

Safety by Jerry Burgess

Rollover Safety and Recalls

The following information is from a National Traffic Highway Safety Administration sponsored site called Safer Car (<http://www.safercar.gov>) and a submenu for **Rollover** listing factors for causes. This same site has a link on the home page for your vehicle's recall notice by VIN. Please visit the site and see if your vehicle has safety related recalls or use this direct URL: (<https://vinrcl.safercar.gov/vin/>)

VEHICLE TYPE

All types of vehicles can rollover. However, taller, narrower vehicles such as SUVs, pickups, and vans have higher centers of gravity, and thus are more susceptible to rollover if involved in a single-vehicle crash.

SPEED

Fatal rollover crashes are speed-related more often than fatal non-rollover crashes. Some **40%** of fatal rollover crashes involved **excessive speeding** . Additionally, **nearly** \approx of fatal rollovers took place where the posted **speed limit was 55 miles per hour or higher**.

ALCOHOL

Nearly **half** of all fatal rollover crashes **involve alcohol** . Impairment can result from **any** blood alcohol concentration (**BAC**) **above .00** . Even a small amount of alcohol will negatively affect your judgment, muscular coordination, and vision, making you more likely to lose control of your vehicle.

LOCATION

Rural roads tend to be undivided and without barriers. They are thus more likely to be the scene of a fatal rollover. **Almost** \approx of fatal rollovers **occur in rural areas** where the posted speed limit is typically 55 miles per hour or higher.

ROUTINE DRIVING

NHTSA data also suggest that over **90%** of the vehicles in fatal, single-vehicle rollover crashes were involved in **routine driving** maneuvers (going straight or negotiating a curve) at the time of the crash. This further suggests that driver behavior (distraction, inattentiveness, speeding, and impaired driving) plays a significant role in rollover crashes.

SINGLE-VEHICLE CRASHES

NHTSA data show that nearly **85%** of all rollover-related fatalities are the result of **single-vehicle** crashes. This means that the majority of rollover crashes and fatalities do not involve any other vehicle besides the one that rolled over, further suggesting that driver behavior plays a significant role in rollover crashes.

Search Results by Model

Filter results by year: Select

Explanation of 1990–2010 compared to 2011–Newer

Starting with 2011 models, NHTSA has introduced tougher tests and rigorous new 5-Star Safety Ratings that provide more information about safety feature performance and crash avoidance technologies. Because of the more stringent tests, 2011-newer model ratings are not comparable to 1990–2010 vehicles.

Year/Make/Model	Overall	Frontal Crash	Side Crash	Rollover	Recommended Technologies	Compare
2015 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited SUV 4WD	Not Rated	Not Rated	Not Rated	★★★★☆		Add
2014 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited SUV 4WD	Not Rated	Not Rated	Not Rated	★★★★☆		Add
2013 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited SUV 4WD	Not Rated	Not Rated	Not Rated	★★★★☆		Add
2012 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited SUV 4WD	Not Rated	Not Rated	Not Rated	★★★★☆		Add
2011 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited SUV 4WD	Not Rated	Not Rated	Not Rated	★★★★☆		Add

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 Displaying 1–5 of 5 Results

Key
 Rearview Video Systems
 Electronic Stability Control
 Forward Collision Warning
 Lane Departure Warning

Note: Electronic Stability Control (ESC) is now a required safety feature on vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less. Thus, beginning in Model Year 2014, ESC has been removed from the list of 'Recommended Technologies' and 'Rearview Video Systems' has been added.

The insert for 2011 through 2015 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited was completed online to show the safety ratings for this group. The 3 star rating was not defined for rollover, but on a side impact this rating meant = Side crash injury risk for this vehicle is average to greater than average.

Recalls Look-up by VIN - Vehicle Identification Number

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Owners may not always know their recalled vehicle still needs to be repaired. NHTSA's new search tool lets you enter a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) to quickly learn if a specific vehicle has not been repaired as part of a safety recall in the last 15 years.

Enter VIN here:

Please enter a valid VIN

APRIL 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1	2 Last Chance	3 Canyon Jennifer Traven Ken & Cindy Ehlers
4	5	6	7 Club Meeting	8	9 Char Hart	10
11	12 Round-up	13	14 Terry McNeill Teri Patterson Julio Monroy	15 Kevin Strong	16 Berdoo Cyn	17 Cindy Nunnally
18 Zac Patterson Brenda Harris	19 Ken Ehlers Richard & Lynett Casiano	20 Meghann Aynsley Mia Owen	21	22	23	24
25 Nancy Kenny Karsyn Kemp Dakotah Traven	26 Mike Maxon	27	28 Antonio Monroy	29	30 Gold Mtn/John Bull	

Upcoming Events

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

2016 Powderpuff Run ~ Holcomb Creek

Mallory & Darryl – 94 YJ	Carl & Kathy – 97 TJ	Ron & Melanie – 97 TJ	Joe & Loren – 11 JK
Bill, Karen, Maddox & Akira 04 TJ	Tim and Sharla – 09 JKU	Cindy & Debbie – 11 JK	George & Kay – 13 JK
Jim, Nick, Ashley & Scott – 05 TJ	Boue w/ Joe and Andrew – 06 TJ	Morgan & Laura – 13JK	Matt, Sue, Ciara & Robby – 07 JK

Darryl and I pulled into the parking lot at Kay's Café a little before 7, and decided to check the Jeep out after replacing the radiator and fan clutch, just to make sure things were set. We saw a little bit of what we thought was fresh fluid on the back side of the fan. Darryl thought maybe it was just some of the left over lock-tite he used during the replacement, so we headed in for breakfast with the small group that had arrived.

After breakfast we headed up the 330 and found us at a stop for a chain checkpoint. There was a road that headed off to the left, but I wasn't exactly sure where it ended up at. Thankfully, Loren popped up and said he could take us through the road on the left, so that we did. We made it up to the Valero for last minute fuel top offs, and restroom stops. Unfortunately they only had one restroom available, and while everyone was working on getting through the line, they moved the chain checkpoint up past us, and again we were stuck in a little bit of traffic.

We finally made our way to the fire station to air down and have a driver's meeting. Everyone at today's run was a club member, and everyone that planned on driving, had driven before besides Jim's daughter, Ashley. After the driver's meeting we headed up the road hitting snow, slush and mud before getting to the start of the actual trail.

Once we arrived at the first obstacle, the rock garden with a water crossing and right hand turn uphill, I worked my way through after rocking back a forth a little bit on a few rocks, and the rest of the group made it through with ease.

We continued on, only stopping to let the group catch up. When we were just about to the rock garden in the middle, there was a small, downed tree. Darryl hooked up my tow strap to it, but once a few guys got down there and started moving it, it seemed much more productive. Thank you to everyone that helped move the tree. After finishing with that we arrived at the rock garden. Everyone seemed to make their way through, with a little spotting, and a lot of skill. Bill noticed his rear, passenger tire leaking some air, so he added some air to get to our lunch spot.

After the rock garden we headed for McDonald Rock for lunch and chit chat. Bill found a small cut in his sidewall and decided to put a few plugs in it to finish the trail. After everyone finished eating we started to head for the end of the trail. We reached the last rock garden and everyone made it through with no problems besides the minor dings and bangs. We took a vote, and decided to just head on out the main road back to Fawnskin and passing on the optional X-Trail.

We made our way back, splashing in each and every mud puddle we could find (okay, well at least I did). We got back to the triangle by the fire station and aired up. As everyone was saying their goodbyes and starting to head out, Joe, Boue's guest, realized that the Kilby Jeep looked like it was leaking something. My dad checked, and sure enough, it was transmission oil coming from the oil pan. He mentioned he had come down on a rock pretty hard at the last rock garden, so it must have crushed it in and punctured it. He walked over to the liquor store and bought a few quarts of oil. Darryl added one, and we decided to head down the 38, and thankfully he made it home safely. Thanks to Jim for following him home and making sure everything was fine. It sounded like the rest of the group headed out to eat and get drinks down the 330, so hopefully they ate and drank enough for us that went down the 38.

I want to thank Matt and Sue as well as Bill and Karen for bringing the younger kids along. It always fun seeing them enjoy time outdoors, playing in the mud, dirt and snow and laughing and having a good time.

Thank you to everyone that came. Everyone did a great job at driving (male or female), and congratulations to Ashley for making it through her first trail.

Mallory Jordon

Yesterday was my first day of wheeling in Moab, and I had a great time with all of you. Fins and things in the morning got us used to wheeling on Slickrock, and it is amazing, tires just stick wherever you place them. We ran into Dave Jones with the Dirt Devils in the Sand Flats parking lot, they did Hells Revenge yesterday, and had a couple of flops on the Escalator, but their member was running it on his own without a spotter, so it could have likely been avoided. No injuries or serious damage to the Jeeps.

Fins and Things was a lot of fun and fantastic views. We took a short side trip to a great canyon overlook for lunch. Keith was having some noise in his drivegear, so we troubleshooted it, and found it was only happening in Low Range. Hopefully it will just a linkage adjustment he can take care of this morning.

Last night Cindy Coffin, Mark and Peggy Ogaz, and I left for a night run of Gold Bar Rim. The views are Moab typical, awesome, and the wheeling was pretty easy except one major obstacle, but we went through it quickly and easily. Just as we were finishing that obstacle, another group was coming to go up it, so the timing was perfect.

Cell reception was spotty, but Peggy was able to get a weather report that showed the rain was coming in earlier than originally forecast, and by 7:30, we were starting to see sprinkles on our windshield and the sky was darkening. We still had almost a mile to go to the Rim, so in the interest of safety, we turned around and proceeded back up the trail to the big obstacle. The group that we saw still had a couple rigs to go, so we watched them, and then went quickly up the same line we came down. The only word I can describe it is Textbook perfect! Great job!

We came back down Gemini Bridges to the parking lot, aired up, and got back to camp at 9:15.

Today, there is only .07" of rain forecast, ending early afternoon, so we will do Poison Spider today, and plan to do Hells Revenge tomorrow. Let's be ready to pull out of the Shell station this morning at 8:30. Make sure you bring lunch and snacks today...

Loren



April 2016



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We Thank You for Your Support!

The Inland Empire Four Wheelers meet the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Crosswalk Church at 10421 Corporate Dr. #B, Redlands, CA.

Located off the 10 freeway in Redlands.

Exit Mountain View Ave and go South to the 1st street and turn left on Business Center Dr, go 2 blocks and turn right on Corporate Dr. It is the 2nd building on the left. Entrance at the back of the building with plenty of parking.