

Low Range Ramblin'

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Inland Empire 4 Wheelers



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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



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

IE4W Business Meeting – November 7th, 2013

Open Meeting – Called to Order by President Randy Stockberger at the Grand Terrace Community Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tim Kemp.

The guests stood and introduced themselves. The guests included Debbie Coffin of Simi Valley, Cindy Coffin of Simi Valley, Mark and Peggy Ogaz of Highland, Mike and Monica Ortega of Running Springs, Mike and Camille Rubio of Rancho Cucamonga, Neil Stratton of Beaumont, Steven and Amber Luna-Soliz of San Bernardino, Morgan and Laura Hertel of Grand Terrace, Wes Hoffmaster of Whittier, John Steeber of Norco and Kevin Strong of Wildomar. The roster sign in sheets started around. The secretary's minutes were approved for the October 2013 meeting as published on-line, on the website and in Low Range Ramblin'.

Reports

Treasurers Report - Mike Moore present – The club started October with \$21,436.94. During the month income was \$154.25 and expenditures were \$1,786.03. The club ended the month with \$20,105.16. Income included raffle ticket sales (\$154.25). We donated \$500.00 to Corva. A preapproved bill was presented by Cindy Maldonado for the Christmas Party. The usual bills for monthly and quarterly expenses were presented and approved.

VP Report – Land Use – Joe Martinez present – Joe filled in for Loren this month, and asked us to call our representatives in government and the suggested talking points.

Merchandise Report – Ashley Rist present – The T Shirt and small club flag orders have been placed. They will be in by the December meeting.

Membership - Kevin Dahl present – Kevin has membership packets tonight and at most Round-Ups.

Hospitality Report – Tom and Sherie Thompson present – We're hospitable.

Forest Fest – Mike present– Randy will be in charge of vendors next year. More vendors will be leading their own runs. The cost of the event flags (\$1600.00) will be split among vendors. Mike Maxson will be doing the event program. Registration will be open March 1st.

Round-Up Report – Bill Henry present – Bill reported that Peggy Ogaz won the game in October that was run and sponsored by Justin Burke, member and owner of IWC Motorsports. Chadwick Motors will sponsor the November Round-Up.

AAT Report – Jim Miller and Jim Sloan present - It was mentioned before the meeting that a number of guests only need an AAT run to

Board of Directors

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complete their membership requirements. Jim Sloan will lead an AAT run on November 17th to 2N01, our newest adopted trail.

Upcoming Club Runs and Events – Jim Sloan present –

Nov 8 – 10	Desert Splash – Parker 4 Wheelers
November 9	4 Wheel Parts Riverside Grand Opening - Randy
November 16	Jeep Performance Retail Store Grand Re-Opening
Nov 27- Dec 1 st	Thanksgiving at Parker - Randy
December 6 th	IE4W Christmas party
December 8 th	Jim Miller will lead - TBD
December 14 th	Yucaipa Christmas parade
Dec 26 th – Jan 2 nd	Sloan's New Year's run to Truckhaven Hills
January 11 th	19 th Annual Corva Truckhaven Challenge–Poker Run
January 17-19	Wende Owen's Mojave Trail trip – limited # of rigs
February 12 th	King of the Hammers
February 14 th -16 th	Peterson's run to Calico
March	Mallory's Powderpuff run
Feb 28 th -Mar 2	Tierra del Sol

Website Report – Steve Owen absent – Kevin Rice will be helping with the website calendar. Steve brought up the option of changing from our Yahoo Group to a Forum.

Scholarship – Mrs. Mallory Jordon present – starting to take shape for the upcoming year.

Historical Report – Tim Kemp present – In 1974, the club was involved into conservation in the Indio area, closed up some mines. In Nov 1988, there was \$272 in the checking account; Cal 4 Wheel launched the "In Gear" Magazine. The Thanksgiving event was held in Glamis, the Christmas party was held at the Hilleman home. Fines were bumped up to 50 cents. In 1991 Steve Perkio was President, the first large club flag was made. In 2002 the minutes were handwritten and Jeff Innes became a new member.

Public Relations – Barbara Bongiorno present -

Newsletter Report - Loren Campbell absent –

Safety - Jerry Burgess absent – Jerry asked that everyone read his article in the Newsletter about Poisonous plants.

Break – The refreshments were provided this month by Jim Miller. Next month the refreshments will be provided by Rick Ventriglia.

October runs – Kevin Dahl spoke about the Coyote Canyon run that he ended up leading. Steve Owen spoke about the Wedding Hangover run, Jim Patterson spoke about the Buggy Shakedown Run, Mark Ogaz spoke about the Redlands Motorsports run to the Bradshaw trail, and The Rists and Kevin Rice spoke about Fun in the Desert.

Old Business – Darryl Jordon's Wheeling 101 – no date yet, Darryl and Tom Thompson will be teaching the basics of wheeling. The yearly club photo will be taken at the December meeting.

New Business – The club will sponsor a checkpoint at the Corva Truckhaven challenge poker run.

Sheriff's Report – Tim Kemp present – Late – Rick Clay, Boue Roller, Jim and Teri Patterson and Jennifer Traven, Jim Sloan – too lengthy event report, Tom Thompson – interrupting the lengthy report, Tom Thompson – Radiator issues on the way to his Coyote Canyon run, Steven Owen – got lost on his run, Jim Patterson spotted Don McDonald onto his side at the Hammers, Don McDonald – for not wearing a helmet, Russ Deer – phone, Darryl Jordon – unprepared for his presentation, Randy Stockberger – potty mouth at the meeting.

Raffle – Tom and Sherie Thompson provided the prizes this month. Rick Clay will bring the prizes next month.

Closed Session – None

Submitted by Sue Sloan, IE4W Secretary

\$117.00 collected for raffle ticket sales
\$16 collected in merchandise sales
\$14 collected for Sheriff's fines

Mallory's Fish Creek Exploration Run

November 16, 2013

Members:

Mallory Jordon & Christina Marino - 94 YJ

Carl Lhamon & Kathy Smith - 97 TJ

Bob & Kris Yaryan - 05 LJ

Joe Martinez & Loren Campbell - 11 JK

Jim & Sue Sloan - 03 TJ



We all met at Arthur's for a delicious breakfast. In the meantime I get a text from the Sloan's stating that they have a dead battery on the Jeep

and would be there shortly. We left a couple minutes before 9 and headed up the 38. I shouted out on the CB for anyone that may have been waiting for us at the Ranger Station, but I didn't see any familiar vehicles. We reached the right turn for Heart Bar Campground and I was excited to see the first gate was open! It was a cool ride up, but once we got to the trailhead we were above the clouds. We pulled over to air down, have a Driver's Meeting and make sure everyone had their phones on Airplane Mode. Oh, to live in the modern day!

We headed off into the unknown. I stayed right towards Fish Creek Trail and right again onto the main fire road. A ways down the road I went to put the Jeep in 4 low to use the lower gears and as soon as I put a little effort into pushing back on the transfer case shifter, it fell to the side. I gasped and hoped that it wasn't broke all the way down within the transfer case. At this point it was stuck in neutral, so I had to ask for assistance from my dad so I didn't get distracted with one thing, and let the Jeep roll back into his

(asking for an even bigger fine)! We got it in 4 low and continued on.

We went a ways up the fire road seeing only hikers.



There was a turn off for a black diamond trail, 1N37, that we decided to try. 1N37 soon turned into Santa Ana River Trail 2E03 which comes out at the bottom right after the Fish Creek Trail split off. We saw another trail that looked very untraveled that we decided to take. Sloan's went up first to see how far it went. They got a ways up and said it kept going, so we decided to give it a try. We got to a hill, headed up the hill, and it looked like it stopped up there, about 2/3 of the way up. We looked around and found what could have been the trail, but it looked steep and slippery and thought it best if we turned around. We got back out the the Santa Ana River Trail and took a left back out to continue up the fire road to see what else there was. We found another campground way back in, but not too big. We continued on. It seemed that everywhere we turned there were Y intersections. Everything turned into a dead end. We did find a very cool spot where you had an almost complete 360 degree view. It was



gorgeous up there!

I believe we took every single road on that part of the mountain. We soon

realized there was only one way in and one way out. We decided to head back down the Santa Ana River trail to get back to the main road, however once again, another road block. This time a big tree that had fallen down across the road, making it impassible, with the tree being at an almost 45 degree angle. My dad, Bob and Loren considered what it would take to move the tree. We opted to turn around and take the fire road back out. By this time it was starting to get cooler and darker.

We found a spot to air up and say our goodbyes. Lucky for me, Loren was gracious enough to let

me borrow his jacket for the ride home, since my Jeep was still topless at the time. We all headed for home, and shortly found ourselves in fog and mist, which ended at the bottom of the hill.

Thank you for those of you that joined in on the exploring. I had a blast and can't wait for the next trip out!

Mallory Jordon



SPOT-ON by Jerry Burgess, Safety Chair

There are times when you might find your recreation taking you to remote locations. Your friends may or may not be with you. You travel beyond the cell networks and disappear into the natural landscape for a day or a week. How do you let someone know you are either OK - on schedule, OK - but being delayed, or you have had a major problem and you need HELP fast? There is a portable GPS device that you can take with you that communicates your messages UP to a satellite and reflects them back down to a terrestrial receiver connected to the cellular network. You decide what the message will say, and who will receive the messages as a text message on their cell phone. Messages are delivered in about 1 minute or less. Let me introduce you to the "SPOT Gen-3" device.

The message sent may say that you are OK, or you need assistance, a Latitude / Longitude are sent with each message. Tracks are also sent with basic subscription at 10 min intervals with Lat / Lon as well. A web site will show your tracks with satellite photo pin points. The reason I mention this is because I have one, and a couple other IE4W members have one as well, we all need to know how to handle the messages.

If you are knowledgeable of how to use a laptop computer that is connected to the Internet, you may be asked in the future to be a receiver of a SPOT message. You may be asked because you might be staying in camp during the day a run is made and you would be the direct connection for those out on the trail. You will have to be able to locate the member needing help by the Lat/Lon and to provide directions or information as necessary to those in camp who will be responding to help.

No Wheeler Left Behind – Thanksgiving Weekend

November 30, 2013

Members

Jim and Sue – Trail Leaders
Mike Moore – Tail Gunner
Alex and Angelina Rodriguez
Richard Mordoff

Guests

Cindy Coffin and Debbie Coffin
Wes Hoffmaster
Johnny Gonzales, Angelica Amaya and Cesar Ocegueda

Ranger Station at around 5:00 PM and said our goodbyes!

Jim and Sue Sloan
Trail Leaders

At the time we made up the name for the run, we didn't realize it would mean we wouldn't leave the restaurant before all the attendees showed up!

After a 1/2 hour delay for a late arrival, we hit the 38 at 9:30 and got to the trailhead at about 10:30. We aired down

quickly and headed up Gold Mountain. The main obstacle on Gold Mountain had changed again, but after a few tries, everybody made it up in

style. There were small patches of snow going up, but a lot more heading down the shady side of the mountain. We stopped for lunch at the cutoff to John Bull and the group decided to forego John Bull and just run Little John, because of the time and the temperature. Little John had plenty of mud, but we made it through quite quickly. We headed back out 3N17 to Highway 18 and headed down the hill via Highway 38. We reached the



2N01 Adopt a Trail Work Party November 17, 2013

Members

Jim and Sue Sloan – Trail Leaders
Joe Martinez / Loren Campbell – Tailgunners
Justin, Ian and Taylor Burke
Bob Peterson
Russ and Karen Deer
Bill Bem
Rick and Kathy Ventriglia and Jean Jackson
Darryl Jordon
Richard Casiano

Guests

Debbie Coffin and Cindy Coffin
Mike and Camille Rubio
Mike, Monica and Stone Ortega and Jake Dixon
Steven and Amber Luna-Soliz
Morgan and Laura Hertel
Neil Stratton
Bryan Bean and Eric Stockwell



We met at the Carl's Jr. in Yucaipa at 7:30 and hit the highway at 8:30 AM. We reached the trailhead to 2N01 at 9:30. We had a drivers and safety meeting

upon our arrival. Then the work began, the first thing to be accomplished was the repair of the trail sign. It was not concreted into the ground; it was just stuck in between some rocks. The hole was dug out by some, while concrete was being mixed by others. The sign was repaired so quickly we almost didn't get pictures. The sign needs the



metal piece that will hold our club logo. Next, the metal stumps from some old signage needed to be removed. A battery operated Sawzall

was used until it needed a charge. All the while, trash was being picked up from all over the staging area.

We headed out down the trail after the group was instructed on how to fill in the washouts on the side of the trail with rocks. At least 30 washouts were filled with rock by the 5 smaller groups we broke into. A ton of rocks were moved in the process!



Around noon, we headed up to Juniper Springs for a well-deserved break and lunch. After a good rest, we headed back out to 2N01 to get some more work

done. We removed the junky old carpet from the meadow that had been out there for years. Some of the metal drainage culverts were chock full of weeds and some of these were cleaned out. There are more that need cleaning out. We found an illegal fire ring and





broke it up. We drove most of the trail, but it was starting to get late and the group had worked hard all day. We headed back to the trailhead, arrived there at 3:30, and finished the Sawzall job while we aired up. The word of the day was, TEAMWORK. Thanks to all the members and guests, we put in 294 AAT hours.

Submitted by Jim and Sue Sloan

Parker Trails Report by Jim Patterson

Sunday November 24th
Truman's Revenge & Rio Lobo
Jim Patterson, Randy Stockberger, Tom
Thompson, Dick Gervais & Ken Ehlers



After leaving La Paz campground, we gassed up at Circle K and then aired down at the trail head. Everyone did great showing off their skills and talent on this short but very difficult warm up trail for our coming week in Parker. Exiting the top of the trail we crossed the highway to Cienega

Springs Rd and ran Rio Lobo. This trail is fairly short with a few tight spots and rock ledges. Ken and I played on a loose buggy notch toward the end of the trail and then we were headed back to camp. As we neared the highway on Cienega Springs we ran into fellow IE4W members Jerry and Cathy Burgess, Bob and Kris Yaryan, Kevin Rice and a new guest, heading out to scout a way thru to the farther trails. As Dick was turning off the highway onto La Paz, Cindy decided to take a flying leap out the window towards the highway. Fortunately, dogs can fly and Cindy was

unscathed. I took one last look at Bob and Kris's brand spanking new JK with paper plates and wished them well. The five Amigos headed back to camp where I proceeded to make dinner for everyone with the help of my trusted assistant TT.

Monday November 25th
Yahoo Loop and Black Mamba
Jim Patterson, Ken Ehlers and Randy Stockberger.
The Three Red Rigs began our Three Hour Tour. We left camp after 9am and headed toward Havasu , we aired down at the scenic view point parking area off Hwy 95 and I unloaded the Lobster leaving my tow rig and trailer. Then we crossed the Hwy and headed down the wash toward the Mountains for 20 minutes or so and found the trail head. So began our adventure overcoming one amazing obstacle after another, some taking us the better part of an hour for the thee of us to get thru. It seemed as thou every corner had another insurmountable challenge to try and overcome. Finally reaching the top of the trail everyone made it through. We headed back down the most used trail back as it turned dark on us. We quickly realize we were going down a trail every bit as hard as the one we had just fought our way up and there was no going back. There were moments that I wondered if we were going to finish the trail before dawn or at all after watching Randy walk about fifteen feet on his front tires only after dropping off a Seven foot ledge. But we made it

through and back to the staging area loaded and aired up and we made it back to camp by 9pm. It was a fantastic run.

Wednesday November 27th

Presidents Choice

Jim & Teri Patterson, Randy Stockberger, Terry McNeil with Donna & Chris, John & Ming, Scott & Monique Chadwick, Russ & Karen Deer, Kevin Rice and two members from the Parker Four Wheelers.

We left La Paz about 9:30am and headed over to La Cienega Springs Rd. Stopping before the trail to air down, lock hubs and disconnect as needed, after a quick drivers meeting we were off.

Everyone was doing great at conquering each obstacle. After the turn obstacle I went up over the hill and left Randy in charge momentarily and he let Russ rip his fender flare off and get a dent on "I don't know what". Then we ran through the loop without any more damage and pulled up in front of the Launch Ramp where I went up the down the left side of the ramp. Then I thought I would try the middle and ever so gently tested out my line and

then decided it didn't feel right. Having noticed some minor issues i decided I should head back to camp. Randy took over bringing everyone up and over the ramp and all finished the trail without any problems.

Thursday November 28th

Rio Lobo Thanksgiving day run

Jim & Zac Patterson, Ken Ehlers, John & Ming, Craig Hart, Bob & Karen Peterson.

We left La Paz about 9:30am and drove straight to the trailhead where everyone made the necessary adjustments and we had a drivers meeting. This is when someone asked to no one particular, "Where was the trail" since the entrance looks so opposing. Everyone worked there way through with more than one rig scuffing it's top on the rock wall in the narrow off camber section wanting to avoid the Tippy feeling. The ledges were challenging to all but didn't do any damage.

Everyone did a fantastic job and we were back in camp before noon with plenty of time to get ready for the Thanksgiving Feast.

Ocotillo Wells General Plan Workshop During New Year's Event

California State Parks will conduct a public workshop as part of the comprehensive public involvement program for the Ocotillo Wells SVRA General Plan and EIR.

This is an Open House event – drop by anytime, and stay as long as you'd like!

Ocotillo Wells SVRA Visitor Center

Saturday, December 28, 2013

11:30 am to 3:30 pm

5172 Highway 78

Borrego Springs, CA 92004

Note: In the event of rain, this workshop would be rescheduled for Saturday, January 4. If necessary, emails announcing the rescheduled event will be sent out on December 23, 2013.

The purpose of the workshops is to collect feedback on draft Planning Alternatives. A video and a Working Paper providing an overview of the Planning Alternatives will be posted to the [website](#) in early December. An email blast will be sent out when these resources are available. Stay tuned!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Kris Yaryan Matthew Goldberg	4	5 IE4W Meeting Mason Yaryan	6 IE4W Christmas	7 IE4W Cookie Pa
8 Jim Miller Run	9 Wayne Coey	10 Roundup	11	12	13	14 Yucaipa Christm Bobby Biddlecombe Georgia Biddlecombe Tiffany Biddlecombe
15	16	17 Laura Gervais	18	19 Paul Friedt	20	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas	26 Truckhaven Run	27	28 Joe Muhs
29	30	31 Truckhaven NY's				

Upcoming Events

Dec 6 IE4W Christmas Party
 Dec 7 IE4W Cookie Exchange
 Dec 14 Yucaipa Christmas Parade with IE4W
 January Sloan's New Year's Run at Truckhaven
 Jan 11- Corva Truckhaven Poker Run
 Jan 17-19- Wende's Mojave Trail Run
 February 14-16- Peterson's Run to Calico

February 12- King of the Hammers
 Mar 14-17 Sidewinders Desert Run
 March- Mallory's Powderpuff Run
 Feb 28-Mar 2 Tierra del Sol
 April 10-13 Parker Jeep Jamboree
 April 13-20 Easter Jeep Safari
 May 8-10 Big Bear Jeep Jamboree

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The Inland Empire Four Wheelers meet the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Grand Terrace Community Center on the corner of Barton Road and Vivienda, Grand Terrace, CA. From the north on 215, get off at Barton Road (south of I-10) and make a left on Barton. The Community Center will be on the left side of the road as you approach Vivienda. From the south (north of Hwy 60) on 215, get off at Barton Road exit to the right and turn left on Vivienda after the signal light.