

Low Range Ramblin'

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Inland Empire 4 Wheelrs

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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

Presidents Message.

It's Hammer Time. Our club is fortunate and privileged to have several people who are involved in this race. We have everyone from racers, pit crew members, builders, welcoming committee and we even have "The Cook" in our ranks. I wish the best to all involved.

I would like to thank all who attended the quarterly AAT meeting at Sizzler. Looks like the club was well represented. Thank you.

The board was very happy to see the large crowd in attendance at our new location. In talking to club members and guests all the responses have been very positive.

Hope to see everyone at Round-Up then off to Calico for some great Wheelin.

The Club is still looking for a newsletter coordinator (it only takes a few minutes a month to put together wink wink). I know we have a lot of talented members with creative minds out there, we see it on the social media all the time. Seriously, our newsletter will cease to exist once Teri's time is up.

Bill Henry



Fellow jeepster locks himself out of his jeep and it's still running! Bob saves the day and takes the door off!

February Run to Calico

The overnigher is going to be on the 20th this year, the main canyon run will be on Sat. 9 a.m. IE4W time. We will be camping in Mule Canyon at camp rock. If some retired members could set aside a large area on Friday that would be great. See you there, Calico Bob

IE4W Business Meeting – January 7, 2016**Open Meeting**

Called to order by President Bill Henry at CrossWalk.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Henry. Club did not have a flag yet for the new facility, so Loren Campbell held up (and swayed) his iPad with an American flag on it.

The guests in attendance were as follows: Steve Santa of San Dimas, Mickey Ask of Colton, Larry Hoatson of Yucaipa and Robert (Bob) Berg of Orange.

The secretary's minutes were approved for the December 2015 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 December with \$43,465.37. During the past month income was \$629.00 and expenditures were \$1,592.74. The club ended the month of December with \$42,501.63. Income included merchandise \$319.00. Expenditures included sales tax payment of \$1,540.00 and normal monthly expenses. New bills were presented.

Vice President - Sue Sloan present - Sue urged club members to join CORVA.

Merchandise - Peggy Ogaz present - There is still plenty of RV flags and shirts available.

Membership & Public Relations - Monica Ortega absent – Barbara Bongiorno sat in for her and shared that there were packets for guests who are interested in becoming members.

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

Forest Fest - Mike Moore present - Mike reported that there still has not been an invoice issued for the 2015 Forest Fest.

Round Up - Jamie Duncanson present– January 12 will be the next Round Up.

AAT - Jim Sloan absent, Jim Miller present - The next AAT meeting is January 20th at 6:00 pm at the Sizzler in Corona. At that time Jim Sloan will be taking over the position and Jim Miller will bring all materials needed for Jim to do this job.

Website - Kim Duncanson present. Kim has partial access to the web site now and is to meet with Steve to get further instruction.

Scholarship - Mallory Jordon present. Mallory reported that 141 letters have been sent out to prospective scholarship applicants.

Board of Directors

President	Bill Henry president@ie4w.com
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Newsletter - Teri Patterson present. Teri reported that April 2016 would be the last newsletter she will publish.

Safety - Jerry Burgess present - Jerry shared the importance of being prepared for freezing conditions while going on outdoor adventures to mountain areas. Clothing plays a very important part in being prepared. See the January newsletter for suggestions on how to prepare. Your vehicle needs to also be prepared for the cold weather.

Past Runs & Events

Christmas Party - Highland Ranch has invited IE4W back in 2016, as they were very happy with how we took care of the facility.

Hangover Run - A group of 33 left the Mill Creek Ranger Station at 8:30, heading to Gold Mountain then continuing to Jacoby Canyon. The run had no problems, and all had a good time.

Christmas Parade - Sue reported that the Star Spangled Banner theme was a big success. As usual, the town loved the IE4W jeeps. There were 19 memberships represented.

Hammer Down Run - On Sunday, December 20, three club members led by Kevin Rice, maneuvered a few tricky obstacles starting at Camp Rock Road and finding their way back to Camp Rock Road.

Somewhere in Big Bear - Jim Patterson led a run to Holcomb Creek from the Green Valley side. Randy had to cut his day short due to drive shaft trouble. Three members and three guests enjoyed perfect weather.

Truck Haven - The Sloan's pulled off another great New Year run. As members came and went throughout the week, many runs took place with very few problems on the trails. The "best rock" event was again a hit with many odd shapes. 43 people were reported to have enjoyed this great event.

Break

Ron Fleming provided refreshments. Karen Cramer will provide refreshments for February.

Upcoming Club Runs & Events

Jim Sloan - Absent - Loren Campbell reported on upcoming runs & events. See Yahoo Groups for more information on all upcoming runs.

January 10 - Loren Campbell will be doing a snow run to Little John Bull.

January 16-17 - SD 4 Wheelers - Superstition Mountain Run - Mark Ogaz

January 29 - February 6 - King of Hammers

January 31 - Rainbow Canyon/Inscription Canyon - Morgan Hertel. 8:30 meet at IHOP, 4023 University Pkwy, San Bernardino, CA 92407 then heading to the trailhead on the corner of Fort Irwin Road and Fossil Bed Road 34.983648, -116.999607. No special equipment needed.

February 20, 2016 - Calico - more to follow

March - Mallory Jordon - Powder Puff run. More to follow.

March 23 - April 3 - Moab, Easter Jeep Safari - Loren Campbell. More to follow.

April - Bill Henry - Verdugo Canyon - More to follow.

May - Mark Ogaz - Memorial Day weekend. Taboose run. More to follow.

Old Business

President Bill Henry asked for input on the IE4W new meeting location. All who attended voiced that they were very pleased with it. We will continue to meet at the new location.

New Business

Sheriff's Report - George Biddlecombe present. The sheriff reported the following:

Colors: Bob and Kris Yaryan, Pdiddy

President Bill Henry forgot the flag

Pdiddy was late

Parade: Sue Martel no colors, Matt Martel for not telling Sue to wear colors. President Bill Henry showing up late and decorating in the lineup. Kevin Dahl working on his Jeep in the lineup.

Sheri Thompson giving us a scare going to the hospital.

Truckhaven Run: Jim Sloan loose screws lost driveshaft. Jim Miller decided to try his luck on the obstacle course, ran into a small piece of re-bar and tore a hole big enough for Slim to get through. Mr. Maldonado got himself in a pickle playing alone in the notches and needed to get strapped out of a hole, then right after that got stuck again and had to be strapped again.

Mr. Sloan lost complete control of his night run, did the unthinkable when he looked back and no one was behind him, the rest of the group caught up two miles down the wash. Mr. Hart had some problems and had to be strapped by four men to keep his front end from coming up, seems his suspension is a little tight upfront. Sue finally found the missing first aid kit that was buried in her jeep.

Somewhere in Big Bear run: Randy Stockberger drive shaft u joint failure.

Raffle - Raffle prizes provided by Todd Varguson. Tom Thompson will provide February raffle prizes.

Fines - \$17.00
Raffle - \$104.00
Merchandise - \$235.00

Submitted by Laura Hertel, IE4W Secretary
Present at January 7, 2016 Meeting: 41 memberships represented and 4 guests.

Situational Awareness

by Jerry Burgess

We discussed this topic in personal safety last year, but at the last AAT quarterly meeting, Greg Hoffman of the USFS brought the topic up for training due to the influx of people using the forest for all sorts of reasons. His concern is that we as USFS volunteers may encounter a situation that is criminal in nature during our course of driving forestry roads. He stressed the importance of observation to the actions of people before engaging with them in remote areas. Whether it is illegal wood cutting, illegal trail explorations or driving in restricted areas, littering, illegal dumping, illegal shooting, vandalism, or driving stolen vehicles, use your common sense as to whether or not you will contact the people.

You are going to most likely be out of cell phone range to call for law enforcement assistance, therefore do not get involved and then try to call for help. Use your camera or phone to capture the activity and if possible any license plates. Identify the area you are located by road numbers, or by GPS - Latitude / Longitude coordinates. When possible, and you regain cell phone communications, call the dispatch number and make a report. If necessary ask dispatch for an incident number (this requires the dispatch to enter the activity into the computer to have the system issue an incident number.) You can follow up with Greg Hoffman with the incident number.



The primary objective of "Situational Awareness" is for you to THINK about what is happening as you first encounter every situation. Unless guns are blazing, or something terrible is happening, no red flags will be raised, and we typically end up getting closer than we would if we were to be more skeptical and suspicious of all newly encountered activity. So, keep your eyes peeled and heads up until there is a determination that nothing of concern is occurring. This personal safety practice will help you keep a safe distance and a route for escape. The phone number for reporting illegal activity to the SBNF / USFS / Federal Interaction Communications center is (909) 383-5654. Let dispatch know you are a USFS Volunteer reporting activity. Dispatch will route the call to the appropriate agency for enforcement.

FEBRUARY 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 Monique Chadwick	2 Ron Flemming	3	4 Club Meeting	5 Devin Hernandez	6 Kim Burgess	7
8 Mallory Jordon	9 Round-Up	10	11 Scott Chadwick	12 John Traven Richard Mordoff	13	14 Valentine's Day Curtiss Freeman Kellie Russell
15	16	17	18	19 Bob Peterson's Joe Martinez Sharla Traylor	20 Calico	21 Run Lynette Casiano
22	23	24	25	26 Tim Kemp	27	28 Jim Sloan Mark Ogaz Mallory Duncanson
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Upcoming Events

Feb 5 -KOH	April - Verdugo Canyon
Feb 20- Calico	May - Taboose run
Mar 4-6- TDS	June 17-19 Forest Fest
Mar 23-Apr 3- Moab	

****NOTE FROM EDITOR:** Please send any information, trail reports and pictures to the editor @ clubnewsletter@ie4w.com or your can send directly to me @ jimteri2000@yahoo.com . This is the only way to make your Newsletters thrive.

AAT Quarterly Meeting - January 20th, 2016

Sizzler Corona

Attendees:

Jim and Sue Sloan
 Jim Miller
 Jerry and Kathy Burgess
 Randy and Roxann Stockberger
 Mike Moore
 Craig and Char Hart

The pledge of allegiance was led by Ranger Greg Hoffman. New clubs were introduced, the Overlanders and the Trail Masters. Greg then shared some of the crazy incidents that had occurred in the Forest over the past few weeks, since the arrival of snow.

Greg then awarded IE4W our trophy for 4th place in hours for 2014-2015. We had a total of 919 hours; first place went to the Lost Jeeps with 3330 hours. He reminded the group of the individual awards that can be earned with AAT hours. For 100 hours you will receive a Forest Pass. If you put 250 hours in a 5 year period, you will receive a National Park pass. The membership agreements must be signed; we will be bringing these to the next meeting. A limited supply of AAT logo placards/magnets is available at the end of the meeting. Jim grabbed what he could.

Greg asked us to keep track of the number of people we see on our trails during work trips. We must be always vigilant for misuse of the Forest. Depending on the situation, get license plate information. The emergency phone number is 909-383-5654 and report dangerous situations with location (GPS). Please get an incident number from dispatch. There will be two public meetings coming up to discuss grants available.

Steve Gardiner of Cal 4 Wheel Drive Association spoke about the upcoming convention in Rancho Cordova, the HDR event in Stoddard Wells on Memorial Day weekend, KOH, and the next Jeep give-away. Ted Kalill stated that the Friends of the SBNF have \$10,000 in the bank. There will be a Junior Ranger event in June or July. Please consider bring your youngsters on this overnighter.

Greg then cautioned the group to always be aware and prepared for any situation, including preparedness while on snow runs. There were 22,700 reported incidents in 2015! If you help someone that is stuck in the snow, always use only a factory winch point, or get a release of liability before you help. We were asked to always notify Greg personally if we discover any major trail condition changes. There are over 200 miles of illegal motorcycle trails in Holcomb Valley alone. Gold Mountain has been overused and abused and is in threat of being closed if things don't improve. He mentioned that members should search YouTube with our trail names and we'd be shocked to see what people actually post.

He also mentioned that Trail Maintenance plans must be done with Greg this year. He will be available for these trips on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only. There will be a large group project in the spring on 2N01 (Pipes Canyon). It was burned over in the fire last June; all clubs will be asked to help. There is also an upcoming project to build 23 miles of ATV trails in the Baldy Mesa area. There is ongoing work being done at Summit staging area, Miller Canyon staging area and Big Pine Flats Staging area.

He then asked that we designate an official photographer on our work trips and requested before and after photos of work performed. He suggested the use of PDF maps on our phones.

Greg asked if the group enjoyed viewing the SBNF AAT website. Many complained about the colors and usability of it.

The IE4W earned 27 AAT hours for attending this informative meeting.

Jim and Sue Sloan



Snow Run Trip

January 10, 2016

Trail Leader: Loren Campbell and Joe Martinez

Tail Gunner: Teri Patterson and Jim Patterson

Members: Cindy and Debbie Coffin, Ken and Cindy Ehlers, Alex and Angelica Rodriguez, George Biddlecombe, Todd and Tara Eves

Just prior to the January club meeting, the Big Bear mountains were dumped on with snow, so I decided Sunday would be a great day to do one of the first snow runs of the season. Most of us met at the Bryant Street Ranger station at 8:00, and started up the mountain. The going was slow, as they were enforcing the chain rules on any vehicle without four wheel drive, and even the people that had chains were driving very slowly up the 38. Just before Angeles Oaks, we heard a call on the CB that P'Diddy was coming up to join us. The weather was incredible, beautiful blue clear skies, and a heavy coat of snow on all the mountains. About the time we passed 2N01, I got a call from Todd on the Ham that he was at the dump waiting for us. It took us about 1 1/2 hours from Bryant Street to the dump, where we quickly aired down, everybody went down to about 8 pounds. The snow was dry but deep, anywhere from 1-3', so we knew we were going to have a great day. It was a long drive up, and bladders were full, but the snow was so deep we decided to drive to Lucky Baldwin stamp mill for a 10-100 and our driver's meeting. The snow was just as deep there, but Angelica was determined to find a quiet spot, so she trudged through the foot deep snow in her sneakers. Others decided to wait until they found an easier spot to walk off the trail. Unfortunately, the snow got deeper and deeper as we went up 3N16, creating another obstacle for members with full bladders that chose to wait.

Just before we got to the Gold Mountain turnoff, a call went out that Ken and Cindy had slid off the trail. George and Teri were able to get him back on the trail pretty quickly and with no damage other than a big dent in Ken's pride.

At the intersection of 3N02, we ran across a Yota and Ford pickup truck that couldn't get up the hill or turn around. We quickly volunteered to tamp down the snow for them so they could turn around and helped them get around us. As soon as they headed back up the trail and out of sight, we started boldly down 3N02 to do Little John Bull. I only got a couple hundred yards till I was in almost 3 1/2 - 4' of snow, and my differentials were dragging trails in the snow. Not able to go further, we backed out and decided to just head up 3N16 to cruise through Holcomb Valley and enjoy the view.

The deep snow on the trail turned out to be much more difficult than I ever thought Holcomb Valley could be. We had so many straps and winches out, I could not keep track of who didn't get a strap, we left straps tied on front and back to keep going. By the time we got to the Little John Bull turnoff, talk in the group was beginning to lean toward turning around. No, no, no came a cheer from Teri Patterson, "I'm having a blast, and we can do this." About that time a monster JK came cruising by us as we were stuck, and he said 2 words to Teri out his open window as he went by, "5 pounds"

Not thinking it would make that much difference, but because of very slow forward progress, we decided to air down to 5 anyway. The difference between 8 pounds and 5 was MAGIC! We could now not only move again, we were able to blast down the road through the drifts, the run went from being a chore becoming awesome fun, radio calls went from needing help to sounds of glee. Great fun by almost everyone, but poor Cindy Ehlers had still not been able to find a spot for her 10-100, which sounded like it was now going to be a 10-300 emergency. Ken and Cindy forged ahead swaying from side to side, George quickly coined the maneuver Cindy's Crap Walk. After we got the all clear, we quickly caught up and drove through the magnificent Holcomb Valley, absolutely gorgeous with the fresh snow. We got back to the Lake at 2:30, and aired up quickly in an effort to beat the ski traffic headed down the mountain. The 330 was solid red, but the 38 looked better on traffic maps, so we decided to head that way. By the time we got to Big Bear Boulevard, traffic was bumper to bumper and George and Ken decided to peel off and head down the back way to Lucerne Valley. The drive down was painfully slow, taking almost 3 hours to get back to Mentone.

Despite the drive down the mountain, we all left with smiles and happy memories from the Snow Run!

Loren Campbell

Proud IE4W Member

Feb 2016



Superstition Mountain Run Report - San Diego 4 Wheelers – January 16-17, 2016

Members

Mark and Peggy Ogaz

Bob and Karen Peterson

Guests

Mickey Ask

The weekend event was held at the Superstition OHV area West of Westmorland south of the Salton Sea. Run by San Diego 4 Wheelers they had multiple trails from easy SUV runs to 4+ rock crawling trails. The weather for the weekend was perfect. A nice breeze to move the dust, but not too strong in the low temperatures. The staging area is a large flat area with plenty of room for RVs and Rigs.

Saturday morning Mickey lined up to run Rabbits Foot and the rest lined up for Voodoo. Voodoo gets its name from the trail system. The runs go up canyons that are named for a cat's paws, head, and tail. Voodoo is what comes out a cat's ass. Voodoo is rated 4 out of 5.

We headed out and crossed the sand dunes on the way to the start of the trail. Voodoo is mixed in with several other trails, so we got a good mix before we even started. We all headed down Voodoo with no issues. Since we made good time, we headed over to run Jamie's Crack. A quick trail with large rocks and dug out sections for lots of flexing. We had two Jeeps with minor problems. One went back on the road, the other removed a broken rear upper control arm and continued on. Going up Voodoo turned out to go about as fast as going down with no issues.

SD4W had a BBQ dinner served and a large raffle with some nice prizes. We stayed the night and headed home after a great off roading weekend.

Mark Ogaz





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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.