

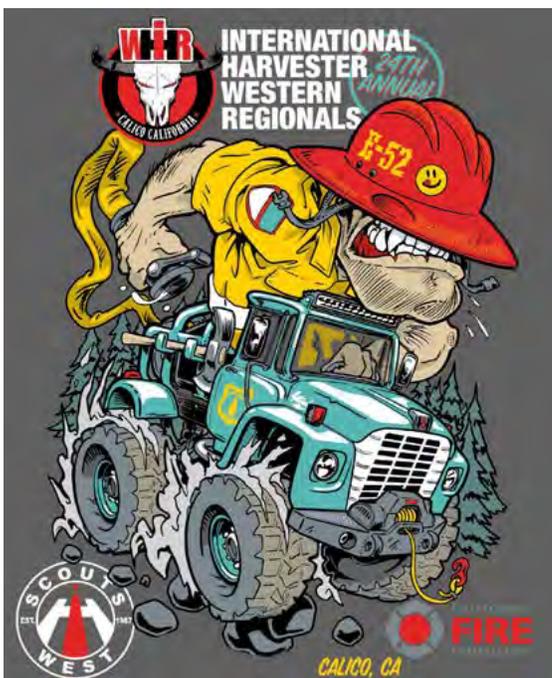


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"It's not the vehicles, it's the people"

Club Newsletter - April 2021

2021 International Harvester Western Regionals



Since 1996, International Harvester (IH) enthusiasts have gathered together in April to catch up with friends and share their love of these old vehicles. Scouts West hosts the International Harvester Western Regionals (IHRW) just outside of Barstow, near Calico Ghost Town. We gather from across the country to spend a few days camping and honoring some of the finest trucks ever made. Some come to rekindle old friendships and swap lies. Some come for the trail runs. And some come just for the fun that can only be experienced the Scouts West way.

IHRW is held north of Barstow, California at the Barstow KOA Campground. This is a great location that truly loves having us as much as we love being there.

While this is an IH event, it is open to all vehicles. Everyone is welcome! We only request that you enjoy having fun, 4-wheeling, great scenery and amazing food. The weekend starts with a guided trail run into the back country of the Calico Mountains. Not all choose a trail run, some prefer a more stationary day and ready their IH vehicles (truck or tractor) for the Show-N-Shine. After a safe return, the true festivities begin with a fantastic BBQ dinner, Show-N-Shine judging, and everyone's favorite event – the raffle. It's an opportunity to win some great prizes and there's even a special one, just for the kids.

We've supported some great causes over the years, from the California Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs (CA4WDC) to Wounded Warriors. This year we have chosen a truly worthy cause, **California Fire Foundation** (More on our charity group on page 2.) **Their mission Statement: Providing emotional and financial assistance to families of fallen firefighters, firefighters and the communities they protect.**

We look forward to hearing from you and thanks for supporting the 24th Annual IHRW. Thank you from Scouts West!

WELLNESS STATEMENT

The IHRW Committee has everyone's wellness in their best interest so we will be providing masks and sanitizer at the registration booth and around camp. We ask everyone to follow the wellness guidelines for the duration of the event by simply washing your hands frequently, wearing a face covering when in close contact and practicing social distancing of 6 feet when appropriate. If we all do our part, we can all stay well! Thank you for attending the event and we hope you all have fun!



California Fire Foundation

The California Fire Foundation, a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization, provides emotional and financial assistance to families of fallen firefighters, firefighters and the communities they protect. Formed in 1987 by California Professional Firefighters, the California Fire Foundation's mandate includes an array of survivor and victim assistance projects and community initiatives:

California Firefighters Memorial: The Foundation designed, built and maintains this unique memorial to fallen firefighters at the State Capitol in Sacramento. Every year, the Foundation holds a special, annual ceremony to commemorate the bravery of those who lost their lives in the line of duty.

Firefighters and Their Families: The Foundation supplies emergency support to departments and families of firefighters killed in the line of duty and provides educational assistance to the children of fallen firefighters through the California Firefighters Endowment and Daniel A. Terry Scholarship program. The Foundation also provides grants to individuals who demonstrate financial hardship to take the FCTC Candidate Physical Ability Test or written exam, which are the recognized standards for physical and educational testing and recruitment within the fire service.

Victim Assistance: The Foundation's Supplying Aid to Victims of Emergency (SAVE) program brings immediate, short-term relief to victims of fire or other natural disaster throughout California. Working together with the California Fire Foundation, firefighters throughout California distribute gift cards in the amount of \$250 to eligible victims of fire or other natural disaster, so they may purchase basic necessities such as medicine, food or clothing.

Community Improvement: The Foundation supplies public safety resources, and conducts outreach and education about fire safety issues through its Firefighters On Your Side program. Additionally, the Foundation contributes to other organizations that aim to enhance and improve the communities of California.



<https://www.cafirefoundation.org>

Scouts West Toy Drive

In December we had our Scouts West Toy Drive and we had a good turnout with many gifts for the Thomas House in Garden Grove. It was fun event and everyone had fun driving to drop off the gifts,

Thomas House - Transitional Shelter

For more than 30-years, Thomas House has provided rent-free shelter, including food and supplies, for homeless families with children. In return, each parent is required to work full-time and save 80 percent of their income, enabling families to build their savings and learn essential life skills. As a result, in an average 12 month stay, families are able to save a minimum of 2 to 3 months expenses and transition to permanent housing of their own.



TRI-CLUB PICNIC 2019

Community plays an important role in keeping the 4x4 hobby active and progressive. This year for the Scouts West Grapevine Chapter annual picnic a new group became an addition to the event. Every year the Scouts West Grapevine Chapter teams up with the Frazier Park 4x4 Club to have an event that is local to the area where the comradery is shared for the love of wheeling. To build on progression, this year they added another group of semi-local wheelers to participate in the fun!

Scouts West Grapevine Chapter and Frazier Park 4x4 Club welcomed Trail Crew-Los Angeles. Based out of the LA region, Trail Crew is a Toyota based overlanding club that focuses on maintaining trails and doing long self-sufficient trips around CA. The monthly club meetings are based in Newhall, so many of their members have just a small commute to attend. Their club has been going through some changes the last few years, so it was decided to help them by including their club in the annual event. So, in 2019 the TRI-CLUB PICNIC was born.

The event is funded by the clubs and everything that is received goes right back into them for whatever they may need as well as to be set aside for the next year's event. Scouts West Grapevine Chapter and Frazier Park 4x4 Club have had a total of six annual picnics together, hosted by Jeremiah and Aubrey Vogelsang. Last year counted as 7th,

but the name was changed to include the new club. With the guarantee of Trail Crew, tentatively there will be a 2nd Annual TRI-CLUB PICNIC held in Hungry Valley.

The 2019 event was a ton of fun and went off without a hitch. This FREE event is open to anyone with a passion for wheeling, so not only do club members attend but also friends with the same hobby. The picnic is based around a huge BBQ where everyone brings a potluck dish. There is always a huge amount of food! Other aspects of the event include all-weekend camping, trail runs (even a hard night run), kids play corner, helpful workshops, a huge raffle for both kids and adults and of course the usual shenanigans. We have a wide array of vehicles that attend the event from the club members' rigs of Internationals, Jeeps, and Toyotas to the fewer common styles like built Chevy S10s, custom 10-ton military vehicles, and off-road buggies.

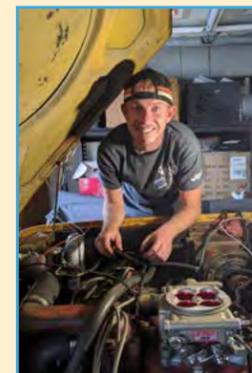
This event truly brings everyone together in the community of wheeling. When everyone participates and pitches in, we all have an amazing time. We are excited to have the commitment of Trail Crew for the next event and to keep seeing this little backyard BBQ grow and grow. We welcome and encourage families and enthusiasts to come join us. Mark your calendars for September of 2021 to come see how these mountain folks do it!

More event details to come, but if you have any questions please contact Aubrey via email: aublvs4x4@yahoo.com



Eric Palmer - Inland Empire President

I got involved in Scouts West due to close friends who had Scouts and brought me into the Scouts West community. I was a scout member before I even owned an actual Scout, I was taking my 1997 F350 through the trails following behind all the Scouts. I liked the community atmosphere and support that Scouts West offered, and I have been super appreciative of what the Scouts West has done for me. I ended up being able to purchase my own Scout, a 1979 Terra. All of the technical support for my Scout has been provided by members to assist me to make my own future within the Scouts West. Becoming the Scouts West IE chapters President kind of fell into my lap. I was not anticipating becoming part of leadership as my fiancée was already the secretary, and that was more than enough, but things just happen for a reason. I am very grateful for the opportunity to assist and furthering the legacy of the Scouts West program.





TOUR DE SOBER 2021

Up in the mountains of Frazier Park, we are very fortunate to have such a small community and such a vast environment around us. As a small community it is easy to find like-minded people who share similar interests which is usually a love for nature. There are so many places to enjoy the great outdoors. We even have a State Vehicular Park in our "backyard" to go explore! Many enthusiasts visit the area to play on the national forest trails and check out the state park, but we are lucky enough to have it at our fingertips. So every year, with a couple of phone calls and tentative plan, Tour de Sober is hosted on the morning of January 1st. It is an unofficial trail run event that gives people the opportunity to start the new year doing what they love. This event was started years ago and has become a New Year's tradition for the local wheeling community. Usually members from the Scouts West Grapevine Chapter, Frazier Park 4x4 Club and local friends and enthusiasts attend but in the past couple years we have seen the word spread and the event grow. Up to 20-30 vehicles have attended the event just from word of mouth. Held at Hungry Valley SVRA the past few years, it is just a day trip to celebrate a new year of wheeling. Sometimes it's muddy, even snowy, which makes it more fun and challenging. The park always has trails for the beginner to the most experienced. The views are amazing and the fresh air just feels great!

So if you're sober and ready for some fun, grab you jacket, pack a lunch, and get ready to bring in the new year right! Mark your calendar for next year and keep your ears open! Scouts West Grapevine Chapter will be there! Happy Wheelin'!



HARVESTERS & COFFEE

This past year we had to cancel our monthly club meetings due to COVID. We decided to have outside IH gatherings/ meetings starting with a beach cruise in Seal Beach, we had a good turnout and it was a fun drive down the coast to Newport Beach. From there we had monthly IH gatherings in Anaheim and we opened it up to anyone who wanted to come, we were surprised how many people showed up with Scouts and other IH vehicles from Simi Valley, to the Inland Empire. We've had few work days at Tom Macomber's place and we appreciate him and his wife Diane's hospitality.

We will continue with our monthly club meetings and we will have more work days in the future. Until then please go to our website to renew your club dues and if your not a member please consider joining us, we have four chapters for you to choose from; The Main Chapter - OC/LA Area, The Grapevine Chapter - Frazier Park/Bakersfield Area, The San Diego Chapter - San Diego Area, The Inland Empire Chapter - Inland Empire Area.



ADOPT-A-TRAIL 2021 - Inland Empire

Inland Empire Chapter of Scouts West initiated our Adopt-A-Trail at San Sevaine Trail in July at Lytle Creek Road. We had 11 vehicles that came out and more than 20 helpers, I rode with the experienced Joe Valdez. We were able to clear lots of brush but we need to go back to clear more, lit was a great day and good to work along side the Inland Empire members!





The Friday Run

For those that arrive at the KOA by 10:00 a.m. Friday of IHWR, I lead a run back to Barstow. The history of the area covers many years back to the Spanish explorers and the old Spanish Trail and the early settlers in California.

Our first stop finds us at the Mojave River Museum. They have a great collection of many relevant historical items. The area use to have much more water in and around the area. Barstow was a major hub from travelers from the East. Then you add the area and history of Calico mining areas, Dagget was a key player in the area for their work at processing ore and borax. The Museum has a good bookstore and sell maps of the area, plus great historical items outfront.

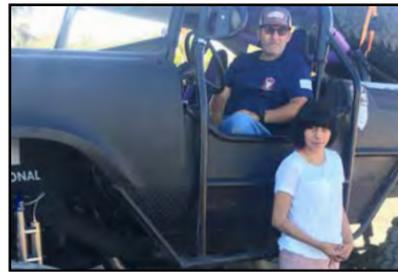
Next we travel to BLM discovery center. Highlights there are the Old Women's Spring Meteorite and living natural history area.

After those two spots, we go to eat as a group in old town Barstow at Rosita's on Route 66. Food is outstanding.

Finally, on a full stomach, we hit the Route 66 Museum and the adjoining railroad museum both in an old Harvey House. (Yes, same as the old movie)

In all, the day brings a group of IH people together

- Fritz Schmitt



Founding Members

Back in January at one of our Harvesters and Coffee events we were honored with the visit from Dwayne & Martha Robinson, they started Scouts West along with Joe & Linda Papero back in the late 80's the first meetings was at their refrigeration company in Anaheim.

They were very happy that we're still going and spent time talking with all of us sharing their love for Scouts and our club.

IHWR Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, APRIL 16th

8:00 AM-10:00 AM - Pancake breakfast provided by Scouts West San Diego Chapter

Donations welcome! It all goes back into our Charity for CA Fire Foundation!

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM - Registration Booth Open—Pre-Registration or On-Site Registration, Trail Run SIGN UPs, Meal, Shirt and Merch Purchases, Raffle Ticket Purchases, Show N Shine Registration and Vehicle Safety Inspections throughout the day

10:30 AM - 3:30 PM - Barstow Museum Tour lead by Past Club President on my Museum tour

5:00 PM - Soda Social (Distancing) Hour and GAME at Stage Area

SATURDAY, APRIL 17th

6:00-7:00 AM - Continental Breakfast—Coffee and Danishes with Big John Vogelsang Donated by Scouts West Grapevine Chapter. Grab a bite before you head out!

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM - Driver's/Safety Meetings, Last Inspections and Trail Runs Departing—Check with your Trail Leader at Registration Booth at time of Trail Run SIGN UP and Vehicle Safety Inspection for DEPARTURE TIME.

7:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Registration Booth Open *Meals, Shirts, Merch and Raffle Tickets Sales up until 4:00 PM*

12:00 - 4:30 PM - Park for Show N Shine in designated areas

5:00 - 6:00 PM - Dinner brought to us by Big Worm BBQ

***FOLLOWED BY PRESENTATIONS OF RECOGNITIONS, TROPHY WINNERS AND OUR CONTRIBUTION TO CA FIRE FOUNDATION, THEN THE KIDS RAFFLE, ADULT RAFFLE, PRE-REGISTRATION RAFFLE, AND OUR TRADITIONAL IH BONFIRE!

SUNDAY, APRIL 18th

Take one last advantage of the KOA amenities, local tourist spots and the beautiful desert

Please leave your campsite clean and free of any trash

Drive home safe! Thank you for attending IHWR and hope to see you again next year!





2021 Raffle Sponsors

GRAND PRIZES:

SkyJacker Suspension 4-inch lift kit
 FiTech Fuel Injection System
 Raceline Wheels- Buy 2, Get 2 Free
 4Wheel Parts Smittybilt 9,500lb Winch
 Redcat Racing-Gen8 Axe Edition IH Scout II RC Crawler

Other prizes donated by:

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 And so much more to come from you all...

Appreciation Statement

THANK YOU to everyone that couldn't make it to IHWR 2021 but contributed by purchasing a Fundraiser t-shirt! You all collectively raised over \$500 for the charity with your participation! California Fire Foundation will receive this and 100% of everything else we raise from the raffle ticket sales and other donations at the event! We all appreciate your help! Be proud of yourselves and enjoy your new shirt!

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TBD - VP or President will supply meeting information

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2nd Saturday of each month @ 10:30 AM
TBD - VP or President will supply meeting information.

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