

NAME: Kyle Ness

EMPLOYMENT: Watkins Shepard trucking

A BIT OF LIFE HISTORY: grew up in South Dakota, went to college in Oklahoma, then after that moved to Iowa. Started getting into 4x4s about six years ago so went back to school to be a mechanic. Worked as a mechanic in Omaha, NE until the beginning of this year when they shut down our dealership. Decided to try something new so I moved to Missoula and started working for Watkins Shepard as an otr driver. Try to 4 wheel whenever I can.

4X4 VEHICLES: '08 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited ; '67 Jeepster Commando, spring over conversion and 32 inch mud terrain tires; '67 Jeep Gladiator, 6inch lift spring over conversion, small block GM motor, Dana 44 axles; '55 Willys pickup; '50 Willys pickup.

MODIFICATIONS DONE TO YOUR PRESENT RIDE: all that is actually done is front bumper and winch to the '08 wrangler.

FAVORITE VEHICLE OF ALL TIME: Willys pickup with flathead four cylinder

IF MONEY WAS NOT AN OBJECT, WHAT WOULD YOU DRIVE OFF ROAD? Jeep JK Unlimited

SAME QUESTION BUT ON ROAD? Corvette would be fun but I like my Jeep

FAVORITE TRAIL OR TRAILS: Tuttle Creek Off Road Park in Randolph, Kansas

TRAIL OR AREA THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO RUN SOME TIME REALISTICALLY: Moab or anything along the west coast

SAME QUESTION BUT UN-REALISTIC: Australia or New Zealand, as I hear there is a lot of fun to be had there

FAVORITE TYPE OF FOUR WHEELING? Leisure trail riding , playing in the rocks , not so much mud as it's a lot of work to clean

WHAT OTHER THINGS DO YOU LIKE TO DO: biking, camping, kayaking, working with my dog.

FUTURE GOALS IN LIFE? Maybe own my own business on a small acreage and raise some critters

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