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FAMILY: 3 adult daughters and sons in law, 3 granddaughters, 2 grandsons, a cat, and lots of deer that think our yard is their kitchen.

EMPLOYMENT: retired firefighter, contributing editor for 30 + years at FOUR WHEELER Magazine 15 years at 4Wheel and Off road & 8 years at JP plus any one else that will buy my stories

A BIT OF LIFE HISTORY: Worked at an auto parts store during high school and on various farms. Drove school bus, played mechanic on school equipment and logged during college. After college worked for USFS in fire control, wild life management, and as a surveyor. Then spent 22 years as a firefighter for Los Angeles County Fire Department and as both a heavy rescue instructor and arson investigator. Interrupted by a tour with the US Navy as a Fire Chief of a large Navy support base in the delta region of Vietnam for 15 months. Have a Jeep repair manual on its third edition, THE JEEP BIBLE. Was a professional off road race car driver and owner for 10-12 years off and on, having competed in most of the major races including racing in Los Angeles Coliseum and Baja. Did custom dirt work and snow removal with back hoe and Bobcat tractors before moving from California. Moved to Montana in 1992.

4X4 VEHICLES: Presently own a modified Jeep Grand Cherokee, a 4x4 1 ton Duramax truck and building a modified "flat fender" Jeep. My first vehicle was a go-kart that I

raced for about 3 years. First off road vehicle was a 29 Ford roadster that I built when 15. First Jeep was a 1943 MB in 1960, then a new CJ-5 in 1962. Way too many off road vehicles to list, but there have been about 7 Jeeps, 4 trucks, 6 race cars, 5 sand buggies, 6 motorcycles and ATVs and a bunch of various others including a few cars.

MODIFICATIONS DONE: Grand Cherokee has a custom long arm suspension, reinforced sub frame, Ford 8.8 rear end with alloy axle shafts and an electric locker, front is a custom built high pinion, with an ARB locker, alloy shafts and Stainless Steel brakes. It ramps 920.

FAVORITE VEHICLE OF ALL TIME: most likely one of the sand buggies or race cars

IF MONEY WAS NOT AN OBJECT, WHAT WOULD YOU DRIVE OFF ROAD?
Something similar to my present Jeep flat fender that is under construction but with a fiberglass body, coil over suspension, maybe even independent suspension front and rear, some high dollar front and rear axles and a lot more hp.

SAME QUESTION BUT ON ROAD? A modified new Grand Cherokee

FAVORITE TRAIL? OR TRAILS? Any trail any time any place, especially new ones that I have never been on before.

TRAIL OR AREA THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO RUN SOME TIME? REALISTICALLY
Some more in Mexico and maybe some of the ones on the east coast.

SAME QUESTION BUT UN-REALISTIC? The sand dunes in the Middle East

FAVORITE TYPE OF FOUR WHEELING? Places I can go fast like the sand dunes, scenic trips, exploring mining and geologic formations, place that I have never been, trails that present a challenge but don't destroy equipment.

WHAT OTHER THINGS DO YOU LIKE TO DO: Just about anything. Read and study history, learn more about geology, help people solve vehicle problems.

FUTURE GOALS IN LIFE? Jeep until I am well into my 90s and enjoy life to the fullest.

IF YOU COULD BE ANYTHING IN LIFE WHAT JOB WOULD YOU HAVE
Professional race car driver of some type.