

# Bordering on the Edge

The Border to Border expedition was a gruelling 2300-mile trek through North America's toughest off-road terrain. Kevin Girling reports...

Land Rover owners in Canada and the United States celebrated the marque's 50th anniversary by staging the Border to Border expedition. It was a marathon trek from Canada, across the USA, to the Mexican border – intended to test the versatility and durability of Land Rovers in some of the most remote, rugged and scenic landscape in North America.

It was a 2300-mile trip through extreme off-road terrain, encountering snow and ice, mud, deep water, rock and sand. Border to Border was the brainchild of Simon Burn, a Toronto-based Discovery owner, who researched the route and publicised his plans over the Internet.

The journey took the vehicles from Canada, through Montana, Wyoming, Utah and Arizona, to the Mexican border, and involved 11 Canadian-based vehicles, 14 from the USA and

Below, Doug Hill stops at the ghost town of Nevada City, Montana, to explore



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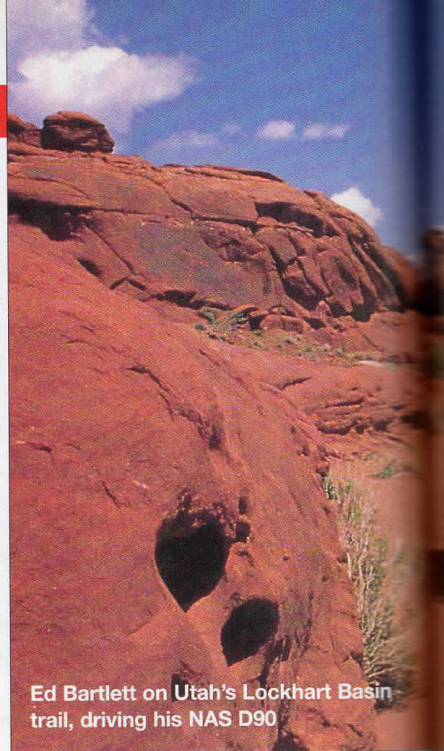
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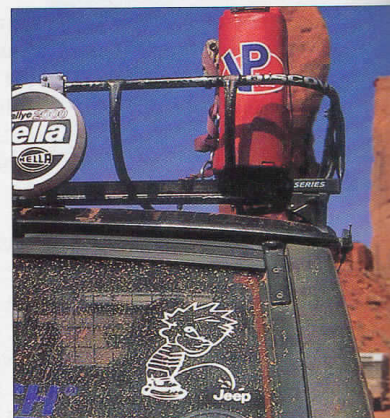
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one British team. Dave Jenden and Graham Baker had flown in from the UK hoping to drive their 110, which had been shipped out. Sadly, the ship was delayed and the vehicle was not ready in time for the event. Fortunately Trevor Smith, a Forward Control owner, came to the rescue and lent them his 101 for the trip.

Roosville, a small town in British Columbia, Canada, just north of the US Montana border, was the starting point. As the convoy headed south, the massed Solihull vehicles created quite a spectacle at the US/Canada border.



Ed Bartlett on Utah's Lockhart Basin trail, driving his NAS D90



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The first day took the expedition through the Kooteni National Forest, heading south through the mountainous shores of Lake Koocanusa, to Libby Dam. The group was then split into three groups of

Lined up for a quick photo-call at Flaming Gorge, northern Utah

