



nine vehicles, kept 20 minutes apart to avoid congestion. CB radios played a crucial role in keeping the vehicles in contact.

Chris and Diana Barty in their 1997



Above, Mark Hardy's 90 comes to grief in Lockhart Canyon

Left, British 101 drivers play in the snow of the Montana mountains



NAS Defender 90 had GPS with top-notch software to track the exact location. This system was to be worth its weight in gold, since it was able to give accurate locations when maps were hopeless. Much of the first day was spent trekking along about 70 miles of forest dirt roads through the mountains until the groups reached Missoula.

Day Two offered undulating and very muddy terrain, and the first of the vehicles began to get stuck, requiring assistance from those equipped with winches. During the first few days, over half the vehicles got stuck as the convoy passed through snow, into warm weather conditions with dry roads, back to more mud and more snow. The route took the convoy up around 6000 feet and some incredibly long, steep, dirt tracks provided slopes of up to 60 degrees. Often the vehicles found