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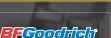
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As this is the last issue of FJC Magazine I'm really looking forward to everything we'll be able to bring as TCT Magazine (more on that can be found on page 6). Closing out 6 great years of FJ Cruiser coverage has allowed me to reflect on a great experience. This magazine could not have happened without your help and support, so I want to thank as many people as I can as we sign off. I apologize in advance if I missed anyone.

**FIRST: My lovely wife Angie Williams, your support is always amazing!**

**In (mostly) chronological order:**

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See you in January!!

*Shane*



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# New & Noteworthy

## FJC Powered Rear Window



One of the main complaints with the FJ Cruiser is that (unlike the 4Runner) the rear window isn't powered. While a powered roll-down window would be the best solution, Joseph Krelle from Chitown4x4.com has a great option available. The \$289 powered rear window kit includes a silver actuator, dash switch, a plug & play wiring harness, and custom mounts to complete the installation. Upgrades to the system include a wireless remote, stainless steel hardware, and a black painted actuator. After looking at the YouTube video it's clear this is a great solution for a powered rear window.

SOURCE: [Chitown4x4.com](http://Chitown4x4.com)



## Bully Dog GT-T+

As you may have read in the September issue of Tacoma Magazine, Bully Dog has finally released a tuner for Toyota Trucks. With four pre-set tuning modes and access to many other areas for tweaking, the GT-T+ Tuner is sure to be hit throughout the Toyota community. Depending on the application, Bully Dog states you



can see HP gains up to +25 and torque gains of +30ft/lb. While the program for FJ Cruisers is still in the works, today the GT-T works with many Tundra, Tacoma, 4Runner, and Sequoia vehicles.

SOURCE: [BullyDog.com](http://BullyDog.com)

## 3DogCamping USA "Bluey" RTT

3DogCamping is an Australian brand that's been making amazing tents for years, and now they're available in the US. They have many options available, and

while most of their tents are made to order (you specify the height for your trailer or vehicle), the new "Bluey"

from 3DogCamping USA is a standard RTT with no "T height" needed. At \$2499, this tent is made of 11oz Billabong canvas for ultra-great durability and breathability. Includes mattress and all mounting hardware.



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# The End... ....Is just the beginning!

When we started FJC Magazine in 2008 it was primarily for two reasons: First, I needed a healthy way to deal with my FJ Cruiser addiction, and writing was cheaper than therapy. Second, I wanted to do a plethora of mods to the truck, and there are tax benefits to having a business associated with those ideas. We really intended FJC Mag to be a hobby, and it has been a great hobby for 6 wonderful years.

Angie & I (and Brenden & Alana) have met hundreds (thousands?) of amazing FJ Cruiser & Toyota enthusiasts from around the world. We've explored much of the western US,

and a good bit of New Zealand in FJCs, and we've made so many friends I honestly have a very hard time keeping track. It's truly been great, and we really appreciate the support we've received over the years.

While the rumors of the FJ's discontinuation have been floating for years, the writing has been on the wall for a while. Toyota hasn't really promoted the FJ in the last few years, instead focusing on the multi-use 4Runner platform as their go-to exploration vehicle. I love the 5th Gen 4Runner and expect it to be the new classic for many activities related to our industry. As a business minded person, I also understand

why Toyota can't really justify the FJ Cruiser on their balance sheet. They have to sell cars & trucks while meeting new EPA regulations and have a myriad of other responsibilities that the FJC just doesn't fit into going forward. I didn't say I agree with any of this, but I do understand it.

Enough of that....on to the new beginning!

Unless you've been in the woods, desert, or some other exotic location the last month, you've seen or heard of our announcement by now. Beginning in January we're merging FJC & Tacoma Mags and expanding to cover all Toyota Cruiser, Trucks, SUVs, and Lexus 4x4 vehicles worldwide. The publication is called TCT Magazine (Toyota Cruisers & Trucks) and will combine all of this great content into an 80-page issue that's sure to meet and exceed your need for Toyota coverage.

We're excited to have top names such as TRD, Toytec Lifts, Bully Dog on board as we launch the new mag. We're also in the process of enabling

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During CruiserFest 2013 I had the opportunity to chat with Greg Miller for a few minutes regarding the FJ and the future of the Land Cruiser. Along with Ben Meddows from Outback Proven, we think we have a great plan for Toyota to bring back the true nature of what a Land Cruiser is, while gaining market share from the not-terribly-crappy Jeep JK. It boils down to doing away with the luxury Land Cruiser and redesigning it to be a true 4 door SUV built for exploration and family fun. It would end up being something more like the current 70-series than anything we see in the states right now. Will they listen to our plan? Unlikely, but we can always dream, right?

printed-subscriptions for TCT Magazine. This is a major feat and will require us to sell about 2,000 printed subscriptions before we can ship the first issue (sign up at <http://tctmag.me/PrintedSubs>). We're hoping to turn on printed copies in January, so please consider supporting our printed effort. The digital PDF will remain free to download, so don't worry about missing any issues.

For more information on TCT Magazine, including the amazing "A-Team" of Toyota Enthusiast Experts joining our team, hit up the new website at <http://tctmagazine.net>. We look forward to serving you in 2014 and for many years to come!



ALONE AT THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN.

TRD

# FJ Summit #7

## Family Adventure FJ Summit Style

By Jim Akers



The FJ Summit is no longer just for FJ Cruisers, that's for sure and it was a great event as usual. Attendance, enthusiasm, and the number of beautiful rigs were at an all time high. I love the fact that, more than at any other event that I have been to, you see families hanging out and having fun together in one of the most breathtakingly beautiful places on the planet. It was a lot of fun for the kiddos to see friends that they only get to see at these events as well. The weather this year was a wild mix of beautiful sunshine to torrential downpours, with bits of hail thrown in for good measure. Even this did not hamper anyone's enjoyment. There were awe inspiring rigs of many different models this year. Of course you have the FJ Cruisers, but this year brought out more Land Cruisers, 4Runners, Tacomas, Tundras, and even a couple Lexus GX470s. The vendors were out in force again this year. BajaRack was showing off their new FJ rack with the hide away light bar. TRD Parts 4U had their FJ with the sun logo on the hood. Addicted Desert Designs was introducing their Toyota line of bumpers. Toyota TRD, Discount Tire Direct, Falken Tire, Ironman 4x4, Toytec and the rest of the usual suspects had their products on display between the rain showers. Toyota unveiled their 2014 4Runner at the event this year and even brought three models to look through and touch.

Thursday we spent doing a trail clean up run with Stay the Trail, the Ouray Ranger District and 10 fellow volunteers.

Friday we ended up taking all three of our rigs down Black Bear with a couple of the 4Runners that Toyota and TRD brought out. What a beautiful day it was, except the traffic jam of an hour and a half at the top of the switch backs. It was a lot of fun having some riders along that have not experienced Black Bear Pass before. Between Kevin from TRD Japan and my family, we were all in awe of our surroundings.

Saturday was spent with the Toyota Marketing crew photographing, driving, and critiquing the new 2014 4Runners.

### Photo Shoot

Robert and I were invited to spend most of Saturday test driving the SR-5, Trail Edition, and the Limited Edition 2014 4Runners. We were given the chance to do a photo shoot with them at many locations between Ouray and Telluride. We took pictures and caused a traffic jam on the way up to Imogene on Yankee Boy Basin. We stopped and took more pictures along Ralph Lauren's ranch on Last Dollar Road as well. I really like the new models as they sat. They were very "factory" yet very capable. With the right suspension upgrades and maybe a little more power, this would be a formidable option for daily driver/off-road machine.

### TRD and Their 4Runner

The TRD team brought a 2010 4Runner that they were testing products on. It had a supercharger and modified suspension but I am still not sure of everything else that they have done to this 4Runner to make this a BEAST of a machine. I can tell you; however, I want one! In my opinion, they should make this a standard option for purchase off of the showroom floor. It had a supple ride, on and off road and more power than I have ever seen without finding a V-8 under the hood. There really is only one downside to what they built. That is, I would have my driver's license suspended within the first six months. Ted and the group at TRD Engineering are definitely onto something with this ANIMAL of a 4Runner.



## Camping

Tent camping the Ouray area in the middle of July is a bit of a gamble with the weather. Apparently July is the rainy season in Ouray. Both the CVT and the Ironman 4x4 rooftop tents stayed dry even though it rained every day in some form or fashion. We had a camping spot this year in town and it was a blast. It was close to everything. A quick 5 block walk and you were just about anywhere downtown. Robert and Kayla from Tacoma Magazine brought our Manley ORV Trailer with the CVT rooftop tent. Brian and Justin from Under Cover Hidden Winch Mount System set up their tent; old school on the ground. My wife, our daughter, and

I had a blast in our Ironman 4x4 rooftop tent. Camping with this group was a great time; from locals that stopped by for breakfast to some of the people that we met from all over the country. We were not sure what we were in for when we booked a camp site instead of a room. The reviews were not fabulous and the views were choked off because of the trees around us(PIC 2401). In an area like this and at event like this, how much time do you really spend at your camp site? That being said, we will probably camp it again next year!

## Stay the Trail and Trail Clean Up Day

Almost everyone that enjoys 4wheeling here in Colorado knows about the group Stay the Trail. Stay the Trail is a wonderful organization that encourages the “Responsible Use” of the roads and trails that are open to motorized recreation in Colorado. If you have heard about Stay the Trail then you probably know their coordinator Sam. Sam, along with Ranger Valdez of the Ouray Ranger District, led 13 volunteers on a “Trail Clean up Run.” It always amazes me; how people treat the world we live in. I know that people are not perfect, but wow, some people should not be allowed in nature! We found a spot where kids have their drinking parties; there were all kinds of empty beer cans



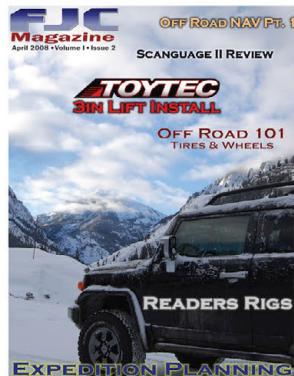
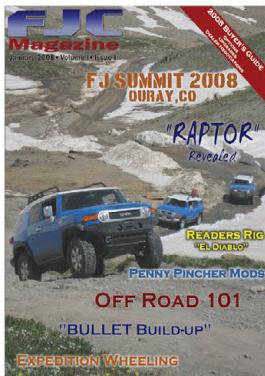
and broken bottles. We even found someone's "used underwear." All in all, we picked up a few full bags of trash, met some really nice people, and it made us all more aware of the mantra "carry in-carry out." If more people would take one day out of their lives to spend it with a group like Stay the Trail, nature would be much better off. Without the efforts of similar groups, we will only have more and more trails shut down and the lands that we all love taken away! Thank you to Sam and Stay the Trail along with Ranger Valdez and the Ouray Ranger District for all that you do to protect our trails and the lands that we all love to explore!

It was yet another very successful FJ Summit. Unfortunately, we do have to wait until next July (16-20) for Summit No. 8. I have to say that everyone, including all of us at FJC Magazine, is already looking forward to next year's FJ Summit 2014. ●

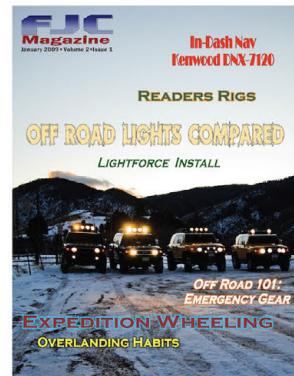
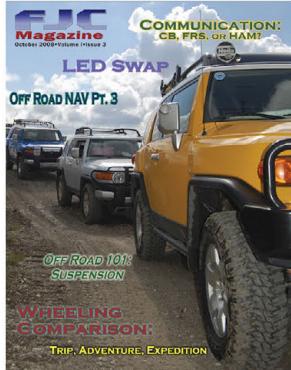


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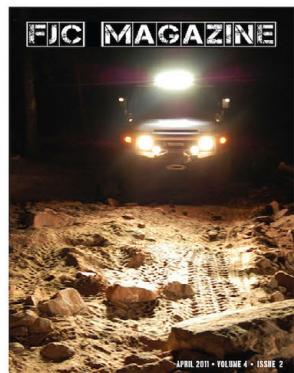
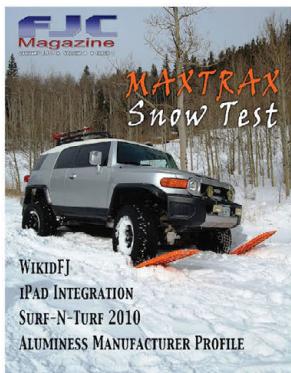




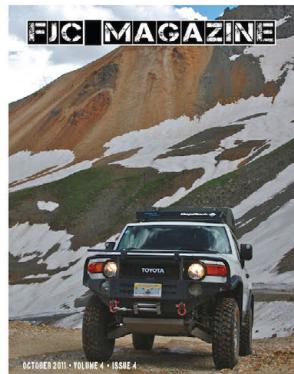
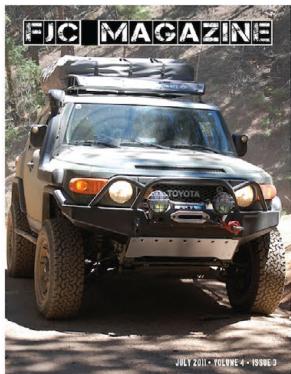
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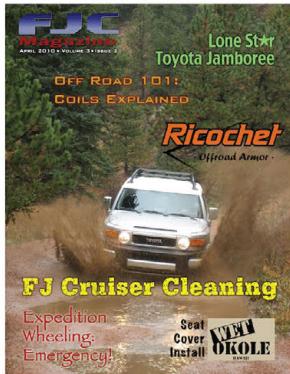
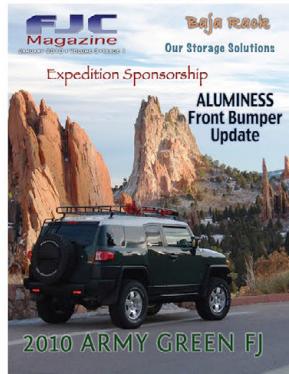
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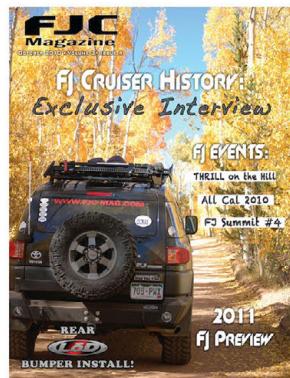
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# 2013 Holiday Gear Guide

By Beau Johnston, LivingOverland.com | Managing Editor: Outdoor Life

The holidays are just around the corner and with so much great gear on the market these days it's hard to decide what to get your special someone. Our team traveled to the Outdoor Retailer Summer Market in Salt Lake City to meet with equipment manufacturers, talk to consumers, and bring you our picks for the very best gear for any outdoor or Toyota enthusiast.

## Mountainsmith Parallax

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**MSRP: \$100**

## SIGG Thermo

The new Thermo collection adheres to SIGG's sleek and modern Swiss aesthetic and will be offered in 4 sizes (0.3L, 0.5L, 0.75L, 1.0L) and 3 colors (white, teal and smoked pearl). The two smaller size models come equipped with a tea filter, perfect for sipping tea on chilly winter days. The two larger models will come with adjoining cups. The new Thermo bottles are constructed from top quality stainless steel that is both odor and taste neutral and will keep your beverage warm for up to eight hours.

**MSRP: \$24.99-39.99 depending on size.**

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clothes, simply add cleaning liquid and 0.5-1 gal. of water, seal the bag, expel the air and rub for as little as 30 seconds. Rinsing can be done in the bag or in the shower and then it is simply a matter of hanging the clothes to dry.

**MSRP: \$64.95 at [www.thescrubba.com](http://www.thescrubba.com).**

## TravelChair Joey Chair:

The Joey Chair—named for the baby kangaroo and the compact pouch it lives in—packs down to the size of a large California burrito and under 2 lbs. It features a lightweight drawn aluminum frame, shock cord system to avoid lost parts, the highest seat height of any competitor, and durability developed from 30 years of camp chair manufacturing.

**MSRP: \$69.99**

## Grand Trunk Nano-7B

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## LabRak EDC Camp Fork:

This utensil follows the same guidelines of quality and craftsmanship that LabRak prides it's self upon. This camp fork features a 3-inch serration on the handle for cutting tender meats or your favorite canned meats. The serration is not ground to a knife edge, therefore safe to handle. Very well balanced and with its hour glass shape, easy and comfortable to hold.



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## Luminox Recon Point Man 8826.MI:

Designed with the US military's needs in mind for simple and efficient navigation on the ground, this is water resistant up to 200 meters. It offers a tachymeter scaled to measure walking speeds. Its graduated turning bezel and the contrast-color countdown quadrant of the dial can be used to time maneuvers. The bezel's compass rose helps to establish the wearer's position in conjunction with the sun. All Luminox pieces include the Luminox Light Technology which offers a constant 24 hour glow for 25 years without the push of a button or

luminescent paint charged by sunlight (that often fades quickly).

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**MSRP: \$299.95**



## Columbia Sportswear EvaPOURation Jacket:

The EvaPOURation jacket, priced at \$99.99 goes head-to-head with the competition and wins by offering a rich feature set including underarm vents, adjustable hood, waterproof zippers, and more. Incorporating Omni-Wick EVAP technology,

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## Bushnell POWERSYNC SolarBook 850:

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A black Manley ORV trailer is shown from a rear three-quarter angle. The trailer features a large white 'M' logo on the side and the text "MANLEY ORV COMPANY". The license plate on the trailer reads "STB 5961". The background shows a desert landscape. On the left side of the image, there is a vertical banner with the "MANLEY ORV COMPANY" logo. On the right side, the website "MANLEYORV.com" is displayed. The bottom right of the image contains the text "MORY TRAILERS" in large white letters, with "A LEGEND IN THE (RE)MAKING." underneath it.

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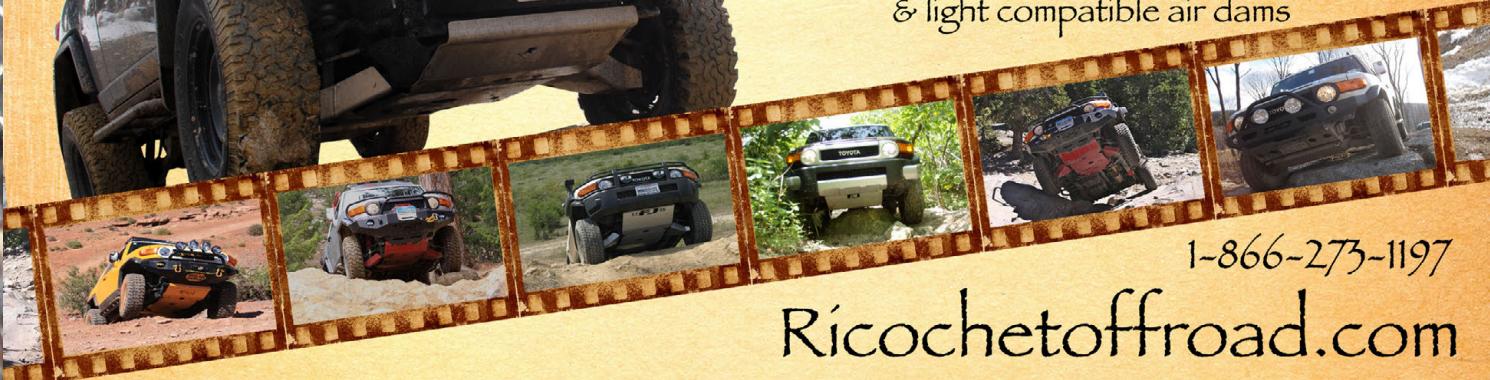


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Title, Username, & Date	Rating	Last Post	Replies	Views	Link
Factory Skid Plate		11-16-2010 01:16 PM by MR2D1D	0	1	<a href="#">Want to Buy / For Sale</a>
front locker		11-16-2010 09:14 AM	7	181	<a href="#">4x4 / Off-Road</a>
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yuryz		11-16-2010 10:36 AM	106	1	<a href="#">Maintenance</a>
d.bf		11-16-2010 01:00 PM	458	1	<a href="#">Off-Topic Discussion</a>
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# MORV Explore Update

By Shane Williams



Between Tacoma Magazine and our trips, we've put over 4,000 miles on the MORV Explore this summer. It has been to Moab twice, Ouray via some amazing trails (see September Tacoma Magazine), Arizona twice, and all over Colorado. Last week I pulled the trailer into the garage for a little autumn cleaning, and to think about what's next for this beauty.



After getting a substantial amount of gear out of the trailer, I noticed a few things:

First, the outside of the trailer looks like it rolled off the showroom floor, except for a little rubbing on the panel facing the tongue. This came from about 2,100 miles of strapping a storage box to the front. The box held fine and served its function, but left a nasty bit of rash on the trailer. A little touch up paint and it'll be just fine. A permanent tongue box will eliminate the need for a strapped down box.



Under the trailer isn't quite as clean (it's hard to get to with the power washer), but it's in great condition. The trailer is stored outside, subjected to the harsh Colorado elements all year when not in use. There are no signs of damage from the trail, the road, or anything. Sometimes a simple design is the best.



In case you didn't read Bob's account of using the trailer enroute to the FJ Summit (Tacoma Magazine, September 2013), he learned the hard way that securing cargo in your trailer is priority no. one. The short story is that Bob didn't get his stove tied down properly, then went over some fun trails on the way to Ouray, destroying the stove in the process. Airing down the tires a bit would've helped some, but failing to secure the stove led to its demise. It also took

its toll on the inside of the trailer so we have a few scratches to touch up inside as well. The MORV includes plenty of internal tie down points, so it's important to use them.

You'll also notice the tailgate is quite scratched up. We've used it extensively as a table, workbench, and field-bar. Sliding heavy items in and out of the trailer is also not great for the finish, requiring a bit more touch up paint. I think some type of cover/protector for the inside of the tailgate is on the list too.



### On Our To-do List for 2014:

- Add a permanent tongue box for hardware storage and a battery
- Install a battery with solar hookups in the storage box
- Add a water storage solution
- A new multi-room tent to accommodate our larger family
- Fine-tune our kitchen and camping gear storage



Since our baby girl will be old enough for a little more adventure in '14, we're hoping to double the use of our MORV next year. Stay tuned to TCT Magazine in 2014 for the latest updates! ●



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Luara using their  
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Mike and Erin

LGRT on Little  
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➤ Marcuss and Luara  
(front), Bill and Virginia  
(back)



Mike and Erin  
just a little tippy ➤



# TOYOTA Land Cruiser

# CruiserFest 2013

By Shane Williams



Tooele, UT is home to many things, but is perhaps the most famous for Miller Motorsports Park (MMP), and even more notable (among Toyota lovers) for the one-of-a-kind Land Cruiser Heritage Museum. Each year Cruiserheads converge upon this little corner of MMP for a few days of Land Cruiser worship.

It's called CruiserFest.

Since this was my first year at the event I really wasn't sure what to expect. As primarily an FJ Cruiser guy, and with a pretty exciting announcement coming, I was nervously excited when I rolled up Friday afternoon. "Cruiserville" was just beginning to buzz as several of Greg Millers personal (non-museum) Land Cruisers were lined up for the Show & Shine. After meeting up with Kurt Williams to verify it was OK to place TCT Magazine magnets on his 78 series, I toolled around a bit waiting for dinner to happen.

There were plenty of great cruisers already on display. 40, 55, 60, 70, 80, 100 series; several FJCs made the trip, a few Tacomas, and even a Jeep or two (I know). While the major group of cruisers was set to arrive Saturday, this was a pretty good cross-



section of Land Cruiser history. Well, that's what I thought until I made the trek .25 mile down the road to the LCHM.

Wow doesn't even begin to express the feeling when walking into the otherwise unassuming building. There's no large sign out front saying "here are all the land cruisers," there's just a simple entryway into a good sized building with a few garage doors. Behind those doors though, is truly LC Mecca. The earliest model on the floor is thought to be one of the first 20 series Land Cruisers to enter the US. It's very much 'OEM' and hasn't been restored in any way. From there the museum steps through LC evolution. Several 40 series are restored to impeccable condition, including the newest example, Greg's recently purchased FJ45L, which is a 4 door 40-series originally produced in Brazil and restored by TLC. The floor does include a 2012 TTSE FJ Cruiser, with factory stickers and shipping material still attached. It's unlikely that FJC has been driven on a public road.

One of the highlights of the event for those interested in Overland Travel was the presentation Greg Miller gave on Expeditions 7 after dinner Friday. He went through several stages of the adventure with highlights of all the team has experienced.





While some people at the event saw this as a “rich guy flaunting his money,” I really think the idea behind E7 is what’s most important. To paraphrase Greg “My favorite memories have been created in Land Cruisers enjoying activities I love with people I love”. That doesn’t sound like flaunting to me, it sounds like a father using his good fortune to share his passion with his family.



Clearly this amazing event (for me anyway) wasn’t about the show and shine, rock crawling course, or even the classes (which were excellent, by the way). This event was about a pilgrimage. While most of us will never make it to Japan where the Land Cruiser was truly born, we can make it to the mecca

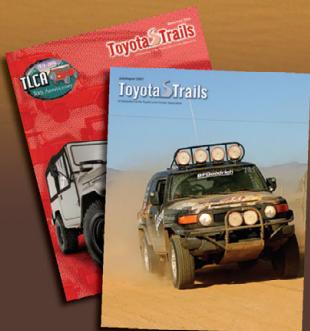
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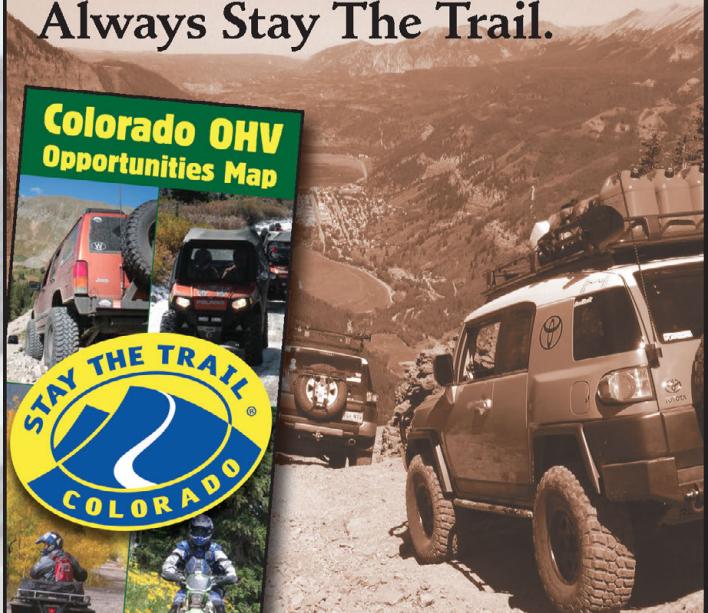
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## BRIAN'S SUPER FJ

Brian M. from the FJ Bruisers has a passion for his truck that goes beyond the normal 'mod-fever'. He's upgraded his "SUPER FJ" in so many ways we simply can't list them all. Here are just a few awesome shots of Brian's truck to get your mouth watering.





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