

Our JV

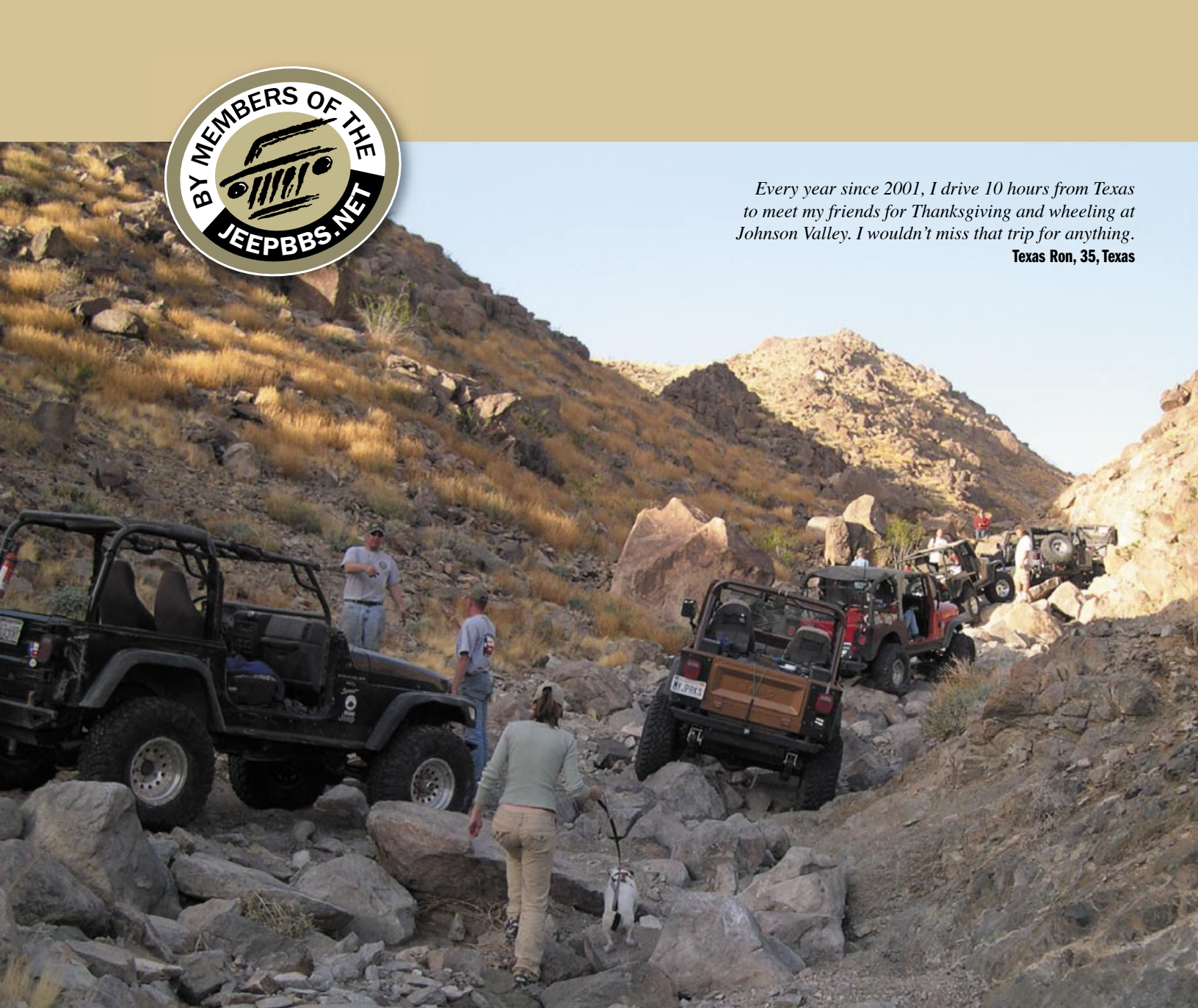


What
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means to me



Every year since 2001, I drive 10 hours from Texas to meet my friends for Thanksgiving and wheeling at Johnson Valley. I wouldn't miss that trip for anything.

Texas Ron, 35, Texas



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We are a group of about 50 people who have been united through a love of Johnson Valley. We may seem insignificant, but we are just one of hundreds of diverse groups and thousands of individuals who share the JV passion. The area is home to our hobby, it is our place of recreation, a place to unwind, somewhere to join with friends and enjoy the simple pleasures of a beautiful environment. Johnson Valley is unique and means as much to us as our own families. It cannot be replaced.



A group of friends, a Jeep and the trails at JV. I don't need anything more in life.
Helen Mackay, 30, Newport Beach CA



Always expect the unexpected on the JV trails. It teaches you self-reliance and improvisation.
Fred Black, 40, Dana Point, CA



I just love it out here!
Ken Wrangler, 28, Irvine CA



I've broken 3 axles, grenaded 2 hubs, torn a tire open and bent every panel on my Jeep. I just fix her up back at home, then head straight out the following weekend for more. Is it fun? You bet!
Jimbo Jones, 58, Victorville CA.



Johnson Valley makes a lunch of potted meat and dry bread bearable.
Sergey Nosov, 30, San Diego CA



The trails of Johnson Valley are not only formidable in nature but also hold a national and international iconic status, especially the two first and oldest trails: Sledgehammer and Jackhammer. The letter box and signpost on Sledgehammer is a symbol that most first-time visitors to Johnson Valley – who consider themselves to be serious 4-wheelers – will instantly recognise because they have been abundantly featured in stories, magazine articles and videos of the area. The letter box houses a book that one can sign to document their adventures on the trail. Others choose to leave mementos of broken parts to reaffirm that these trails can indeed be harsh on those that are ill prepared or not concentrating 100%.



We have some spectacular scenery in Washington but nothing compares to the rocky hills in the desert of Johnson Valley. I spend as much time as I can down here, which is usually a few weeks each year and it's always sad to head home after days of sun, dust and rocks. I have a business that deals in the off-road industry and we sponsor some rigs that compete in the national rockcrawling circuit. Because of the diverse terrain and the high degree of technical difficulty, the JV trails offer a great opportunity to hone your competitive driving skills. It's hard to find trails of a similar standard anywhere else.
John Jeppi, 45, Ferndale WA



I first visited Johnson Valley in November 2003 because of its reputation as one of the most punishing network of rockcrawling trails in the world. I was not disappointed and with my American hosts showing me such a fantastic time I vowed to return again 2 years later for another memorable week in the desert. The memories and adventures of JV will never be forgotten, the trails are awesome and the scenery beautiful, it is a unique area of world standing and must be preserved. I wish I lived close by, so I could enjoy it more often. Matt Nolte, 41, Australia



There's nothing better than settling down to watch the sun set over camp while sipping a hot cup of coffee after a long day on the trails.
Kathryn Johnson, 42, San Juan Capistrano CA



Ah... a night around the campfire with friends sharing tales of adventure experienced on the trails. Who needs television?
Heather Wilson, 22, San Diego CA



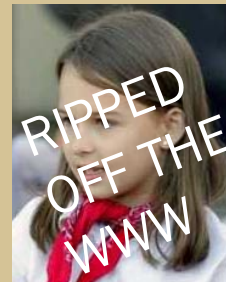
TJ's a Jack Russel. She loves riding along in the Jeep. I think she's a bit unsure of her new shoes at the moment, we only just made her wear them because she cut her paw on the rocks a few weeks ago. Yes, of course I pick up after her!
Sarah Sweet, 29, Apple Valley CA



Wow, I never thought I'd have Christmas at Johnson Valley in the snow. A most memorable trip. Don't take this magical place away. I want to come back some day.
Wind Danzer, 30, New York, December 2004



I like to think of this place as my extended back yard. I bring my kids here at least 20 times a year. They enjoy the freedom of riding their bikes on the lake bed, but love hitting the trails in our 2 Suzuki buggies even more.
Mal Fraser, 38, Riverside CA



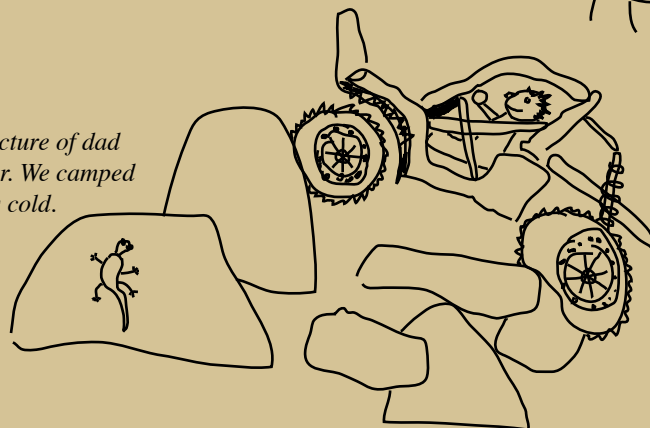
I like it when dad thinks he can make it, but the buggy gets stuck. My favorite trail is Outerlimits.
Erin McDonald, 9, Temecula CA



Jackhammer is the coolest. I didn't get scared.
Brody Fraser, 7, Riverside CA



I like lizards. This is a picture of dad driving up Sledgehammer. We camped out for Christmas. It was cold.
Jose Garcia, 9, Ramona CA



2000



2001



2002



2003



2004



2005



Without Johnson Valley, I am not complete. Blaine Johnson, 47, San Juan Capistrano CA



I first brought my family to Johnson Valley in the winter of 1978 to drive our home-built dune buggy. We spent many a weekend out there and the kids couldn't get enough of it. Now my son has his own children and the tradition of spending weekends at Johnson valley continues, but these day we're more inclined to spend the days rockcrawling the Hammers in our Jeeps rather than charging around in the old dune buggy.
John Edwards, 65, Sally Edwards 61, Oceanside CA
John Edwards Junior, 40, Robin Edwards, 38, Corey Edwards, 8 and Hannah Edwards, 6, and dog Rufus, Escondido CA