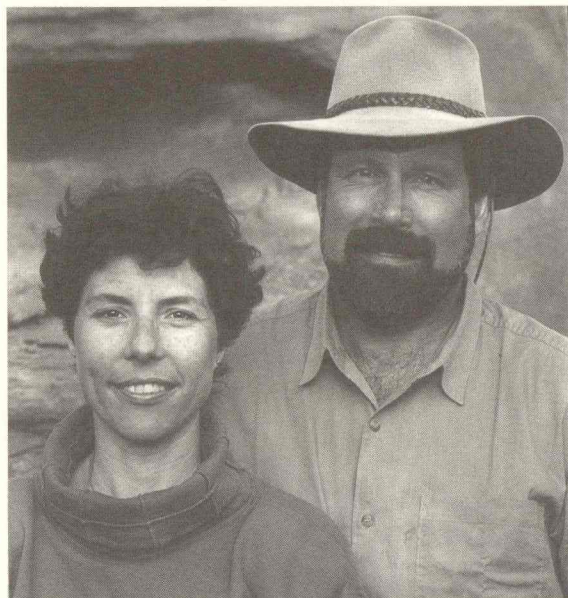


The Turtle Expedition, Unltd.

Two decades ago, The Turtle Expedition, Unltd. began a photographic exploration of Mexico, Central America and South America. Those artificial boundaries of the Western Hemisphere have long been broken, but the goals have remained steadfast; to explore the remote backroads; to experience the uniqueness of the people and their customs; to capture the excitement of travel in

far-off lands on film; and to document the extremes of the World. As John Steinbeck implied in his classic, *Travels With Charley*, the underlying guideline of The Turtle Expedition has been; "Don't take the trip, let the trip take you." It is this endless Odyssey in search of the Earth's human and geographical superlatives that has captivated the imagination of readers around the globe.

On the Backroads of Adventure



Gary and Monika Wescott

For the past twenty-five years, these two intrepid adventurers and photojournalists have globetrotted from the arid deserts of Afghanistan to the deepest jungles of the Amazon with sometimes no more than a camera and a backpack.

Much of that time has been spent exploring the backroads of the Western Hemisphere, including Mexico, Central and South America. Gary's travel/adventure stories are published in periodicals around the World. In North America, the popular Turtle Expedition series appears regularly in **FOUR WHEELER** Magazine where Gary & Monika are Editors-at-Large.

While backpacks are still an important part of the couple's standard equipment, they do most of their wandering in a specially prepared Ford F-350 four-wheel drive truck. During the past decade, their adventures have led them from Tierra del Fuego to Prudhoe Bay and back. A 50,000 mile circumnavigation of South America in 1988-89 took them from the snow-bound Andean Mountains, over passes as high as 16,710 ft.; across the vast Atacama Desert, where in places, a drop of rain has not fallen in recorded history; and through the jungles of the Amazon Basin in Peru, Columbia and Brazil, where mud-choked trails were often impassable, even with four wheel drive. Barges were needed to travel up swollen rivers.

In the Spring of 1995, Gary & Monika will depart for the frozen Pacific Coast of Siberia from where they will attempt a lengthy expedition completely across Russia to the Atlantic, some eleven time zones away. The Siberian section will be the most difficult. Officially, there is no road. Bridges are rotten or washed out, food and fuel are in short supply, crime is on a disturbing increase, and Winter temperatures can drop to -94°F! Gary & Monika hope for a friendly reception in the numerous small villages, many of which began as Russian prison camps.

Do Gary and Monika worry about the political instability of some of the countries they visit? "Well, a little," says Monika, with a slight Swiss accent, (she speaks five languages), "but what can you do? In over twenty years, we've rarely had a serious problem. It's like the poisonous snakes and insects of the Amazon. You know they're out there, but you still go into the jungle. *The essence of an adventure is not knowing how it's going to come out.*"

The Turtle IV

The most cursory inspection will tell you this is not a show truck. It is a work truck, designed to transport the photo-journalist team of **The Turtle Expedition** and **Tortuga Film Productions** into the most remote and inhospitable areas of the World in safety and relative comfort. Reflecting twenty-five years of practical experience exploring backroads, **The Turtle IV** has a replacement value of over \$70,000. More than eighty companies are involved in its meticulous preparation. Quality, Functional Performance and Absolute Reliability govern all modifications.

Vehicle Specifications

Base Vehicle:	Ford F-350 4X4
Design and Assembly:	The Turtle Expedition/ S&H 4-Wheel Drive Center
Engine:	Navistar 7.3 L V8 Diesel/ ATS Turbo
Torque:	400 lb.-Ft @ 1,600 RPM
Horsepower:	210 HP @ 3,000 RPM
Transmission:	ZF-5 five speed
Transfer Case:	BW 1356 two-speed
Locking Hubs:	Mile Marker
Suspension:	Dual Gabriel Adjustable Silver-E's with custom National Spring leaf packs
Rear Differential:	Corporate with ARB Air Locker
Front Differential:	Dana 60 with ARB Air Locker
Tires:	BF Goodrich T/A Radial Mud- Terrains; LT 255/85R16 M&S Alcoa Forged Aluminum
Wheels:	Alcoa Forged Aluminum
Weight (Fully Loaded):	9,000 Lbs.
Fuel Capacity:	48 Gallons

Special Equipment

Rickard Compartment Bumpers
Recaro Orthopedic Seats
Link-Arc 160-amp Alternator/Welder
Ready Air 150 PSI Compressor
Electric Winches Front and Rear
Four Wheel Pop-Up Camper
PIAA Professional Halogen Lamps
Viper Alarm System
Blaupunkt Stereo/CD Changer
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