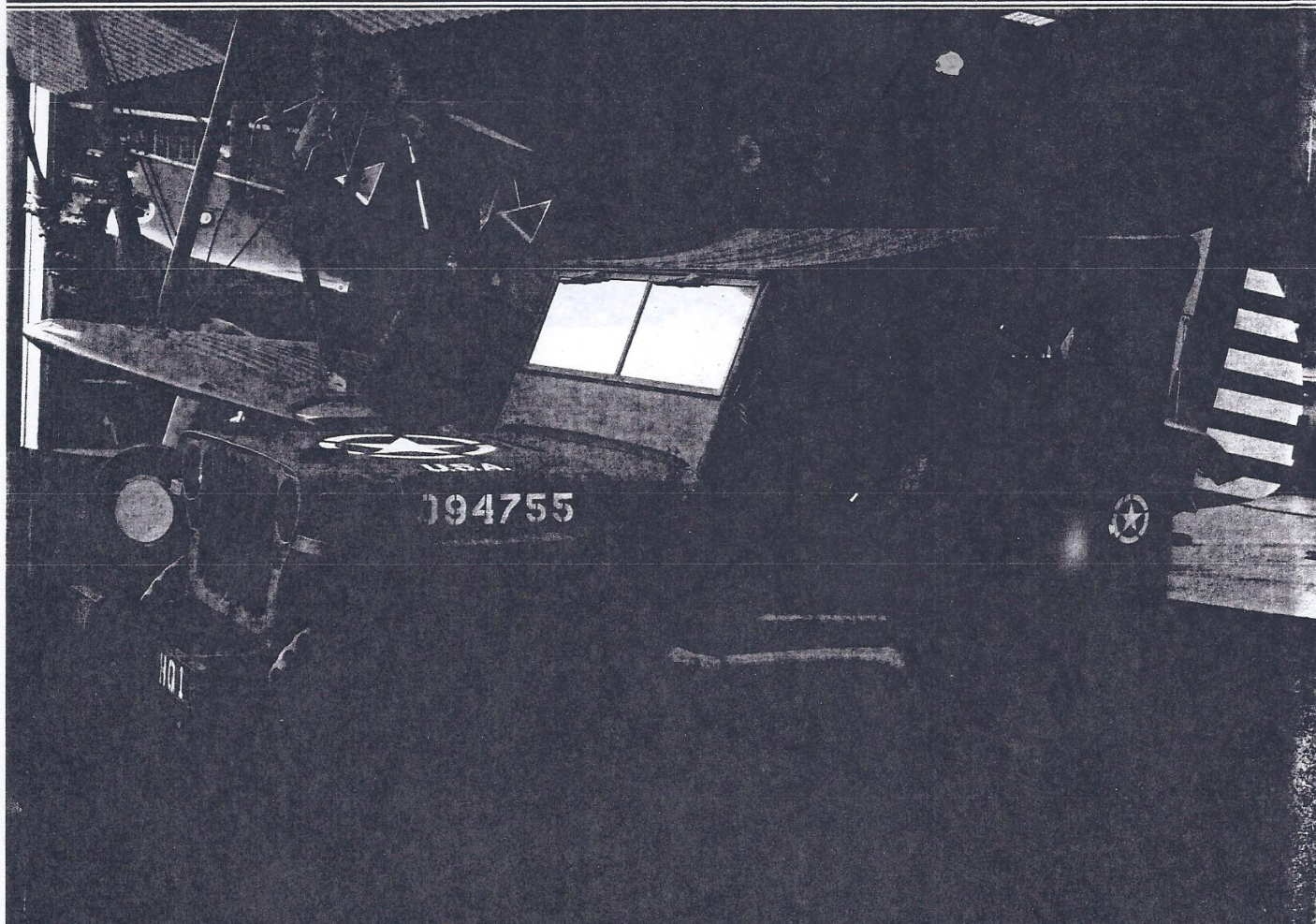


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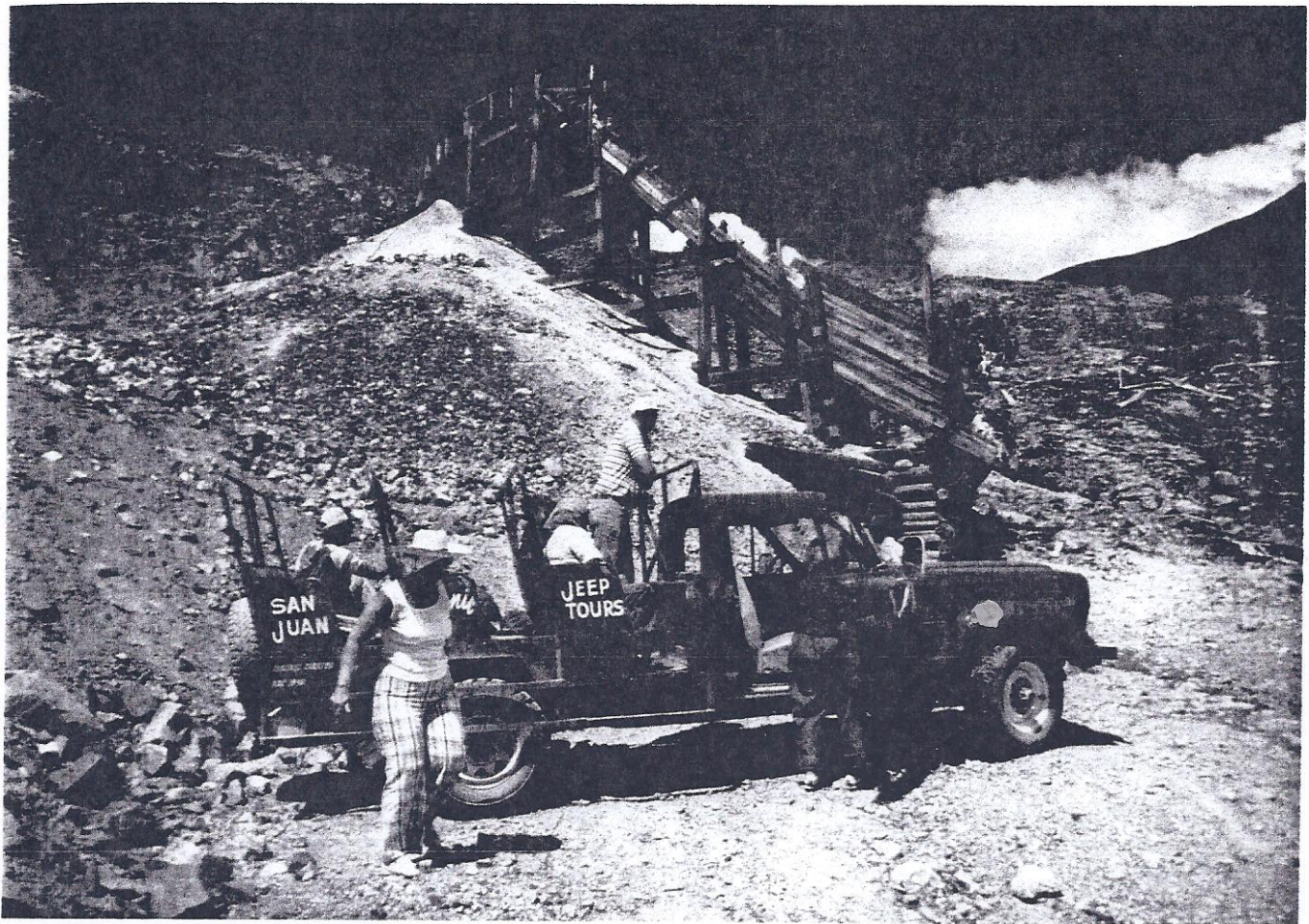
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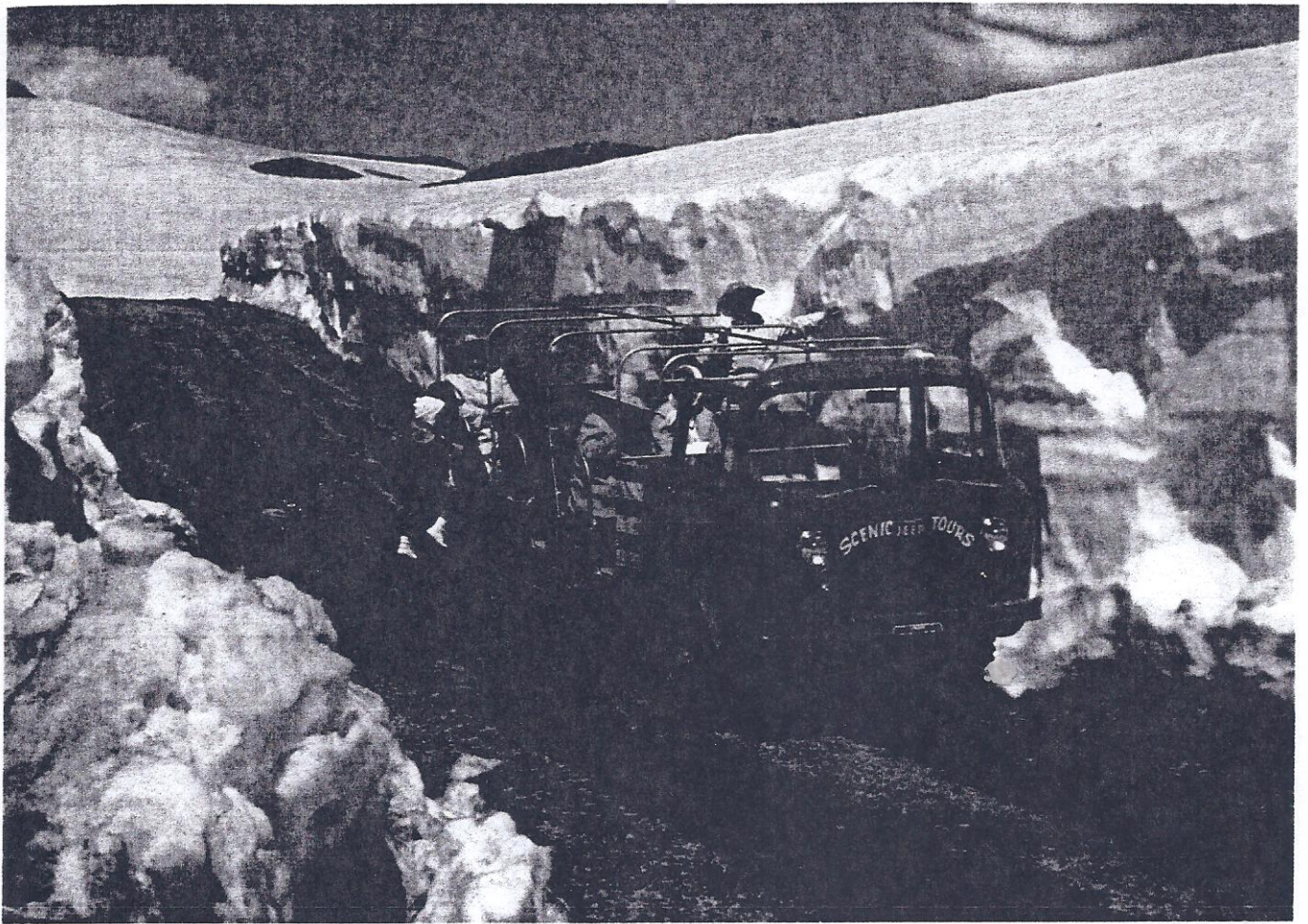
A final trip with San Juan Jeep Tours. They custom built this 11-seater J-20 to take tours into the Rocky Mountains around Ouray and Telluride Colorado. Bernie Kuboske and his crew at the tour company built a series of these J-20's powered by factory 360 V8s with four-speed transmissions. Both axles run 4.11 gears and have re-rated suspensions, wheels and tyres. Bernie and his tour guides have completed over 100,000 accident-free miles in this and the other J-20's in their fleet, bridging 13,000-ft mountain passes every day over rough back country roads. This 1977 J-20 is at the old Queen Anne Mine in the Silver San Juan Mountains, outside Silverton, Colorado. Owner: San Juan Scenic Jeep Tours, Ouray, Colorado.

Above right

The fire fighters at the Hopatcong Fire Department in New Jersey have this 1987 Comanche pickup which is used as their multi-purpose firehouse vehicle. In the winter it is fitted out with a snow plow and is used to clear the way for the fire trucks.

Right

Police departments across the US love the Jeep Cherokee. Fitted with 'Command-Trac' part-time four-wheel-drive system, 4.0 litre six-cylinder engine and the five-speed manual transmission, this model is retrofitted with a police light bar, radio equipment and rescue equipment supplies. This 1993 model pictured in Ouray, Colorado, is used for all police duties from traffic control to patrol and search and rescue.



Left

Some guys get right into their work! Bill Delaney shot this great photo of Rick Russell inching down this cliff face in his CJ-6. Rick owns Sidekick Off Road Maps, a company specialising in producing off-road maps and videos in Chino, California, so Rick knows what it takes to get into and out of the back country. He built this custom 1956 CJ-6 as the perfect go-anywhere machine. The Jeep now takes him deep into the back country on mapping and filming expeditions and as you can see, he can get hung-up in his work. The Jeep is built from a CJ-6 with custom chassis modifications, is powered by a 350 Chevy V8 and fitted out with a full roll cage, high lift suspension, off-road wheels and drivetrain with Detroit Locker differentials. Rick is seen here inching down a cliff on the way out of a trip to the California ghost town of Panamint City. He is hanging off one the Warn winches fitted to the Jeep for such occasions. Panamint City is 6,000 ft up in the Panamint Mountains of eastern California and is only accessible via this washed out road. Owners: Rick and Marilyn Russell.

(Photo: Bill Delaney)

Above left

This 1954 CJ-5 has been a workhorse on a Sonoma County farm for years. It is used for all kinds of chores from towing machinery to toting feed to horses in lower pastures to hauling in firewood and maybe zipping down to the lake for a swim. It is a firm favourite with the children too, who have been lucky enough to learn to drive the CJ around the farm.

Owners: David Best & Maggie Roth.

Above

The FC series or Forward Control Jeeps were not that popular until folks realised how valuable they were as workhorses. With the cab mounted up over the engine, the greater part of the chassis could be used for cargo and hauling. Two versions were built: the FC-150 based on the CJ-5 chassis, and the larger six-cylinder power FC-170 based on the station wagon chassis. Built between 1957 and 1964 they were converted to many uses including fire trucks and utility company work vehicles. They are considered desirable by collectors these days and good ones are hard to find.



Above left

San Juan Scenic Jeep Tours Jeep rental business has been in existence since 1946, when the company was started by Buddy Davis as Colorado's first Jeep tour company. This 1958 CJ-5 was part of the fleet of Jeeps rented out by Francis Kuboske who purchased the company in 1959. It gave sterling service to tourists, fishermen and back country explorers who wanted to see the top of the Colorado Rockies. Owner, above and left: San Juan Scenic Jeep Tours, Ouray, Colorado.

Left

It's easy to see why these Willys Station Wagons, built by San Juan Scenic Jeep Tours, made such great tour wagons. The roof and side windows could be trimmed to the sills leaving the front doors functioning perfectly and the high-placed seats gave everyone a great view. This 1953 8-passenger wagon was converted with heavy-duty suspension and uprated with a six-cylinder Willys engine. It is seen here on a log bridge which crossed one of the many mountain creeks on the way to the Tom Boy Mine in the Silver San Juan mountains above Ouray.

Above

This was a favourite trick of tour driver Jim Ashley when he took his tour groups for San Juan Scenic Jeep Tours to Oh' Point back in the early sixties. Today Oh' Point is closed off. This 1952 Station Wagon was converted to carry eight passengers with the roof cut off to the door sills. It was a four-cylinder wagon with a three-speed transmission and did a sterling job for many years.



This is the original CJ-5 tour Jeep modified by San Juan Scenic Jeep Tours back in 1959. It was set up with seats for three plus the driver, with a lunch and coffee box mounted off the tailgate. It took thousands of tourists to such interesting man-made and natural wonders as Mystery Mountain Gold Mine and Imogene Pass. Owner: San Juan Scenic Jeep Tours, Ouray, Colorado.

This education has opened up Jeep owners' understanding of both their vehicle and the ethics of exploring the back country in their Jeeps. Weekend trips into the Rockies, the California Desert and the Appalachian mountains by Jeep clubs have flowered along with the Jeep Jamboree USA organization.

The Jamborees are now run around the nation with the support of Chrysler's Jeep/Eagle division so devotees can learn about and enjoy their Jeeps off-road.

The Jamboree schedule is run for ten months of the year and features the Rubicon Trail in California, the deserts of Utah, the forests of New England and Maine, the swamps of the Everglades, and a trip across the top of the Rocky mountains between Telluride and Ouray, Colorado.

Each Jamboree event is trail-rated and designed to take Jeep tours safely into America's backwoods on back country trails which have been evaluated by a Trail Boss who leads the Jamboree. It's a great way to discover the ruggedness and versatility of the Jeep and its proper use in difficult off-road situations.