

Gear 2012 \$10



OVERLAND

JOURNAL



Gear Guide 2012



Cooper Discoverer S/T MAXX

Aussies love their Cooper Tires. While the company provides private label tires for several well-known U.S. companies, Cooper's following in the States is modest but dedicated. As the company nears its 100th anniversary, it continues to develop new products for the overland market, this year with the Discoverer S/T MAXX. The S/T MAXX features Cooper's 3-ply Armor-Tek3® carcass and a new proprietary chip resistant tread compound. coopertire.com, 419-423-1321



Action Camper for Jeep Wrangler JK

From across the *other* big pond (Austria) comes one of the most functional slide-in Jeep campers we've seen, the Action Camper. This spacious abode features 63 inches of headroom, a potty, shower, three-burner stove, sink with on-demand water, 40L WAECO top-loading fridge, and a *king-size* bed. The two-piece fiberglass shell is ridged and well sealed, and the roof area, which can be accessed via a large skylight, is sturdy enough to walk on or use as a photo platform. With the original hardtop, tailgate and rear doors removed, the net increase to GVW is only 440 pounds. U.S. distribution is expected in 2012.

actioncamper.com, +43 664-4658065

Four Decades of Overland Adventure

The Turtle Expedition is synonymous with overland travel. Gary and Monika Wescott have been roaming the planet since the 1970s. Their early days found them behind the wheel of *La Tortuga Azul* (Turtle I), a 1967 Land Rover 109. Their current vehicle, the Turtle V, is based on a Ford F-550, powered by a Power Stroke turbo-diesel. Upcoming plans for the Wescotts and Turtle V: a five-year trek (yes, five years on the road) through the Middle East, the Silk Road, and Russia's Road of Bones. turtleexpedition.com



Overland Journal Party

Due to an increase in the popularity of the *Overland Journal* house party, we had to rent a bigger house. Several hundred people joined our crew to celebrate another great year of overland adventures, and enjoy Ray Hyland and Brian McVickers' delicious steak tacos. Slee Off Road wowed everyone with their 80 Series Land Cruiser limo.

