

Video Review – Whiteknight.ca 2004

By Bill “BillaVista” Ansell

Pictures from the video

Ever wanted to see someone drive through a rock course as if it were a mud bog? Such is the oh-so-elegant style of the White Knight – a radical 468, 44” Boggered, coiled, linked, and locked monster S-10 truggy. *Whiteknight.ca 2004* chronicles the adventures of this ex-TTC competitor and her good ol’ Albertan wheeling buddies.



To get a sense of the video, the first thing you should know is that Alberta isn’t like Cali – think more Tennessee/Texas North - Foxworthy would be comfortable there – Martha Stewart probably would not! Albertan wheelers are a special breed – rough round the edges perhaps, but proud, passionate, friendly, and dedicated to the sport. This is not a crowd with lightweight chro-mo buggies, 300m shift knobs, or small-size comp tires – just big, bad rigs, top-loaders, and massive tractor tires.



Whiteknight.ca 2004 takes you up close and personal with this motley crew of hardcore wheelers as they take on Alberta’s Safari Challenge, rock crawling, hardcore trail wheeling, tough truck competition, car crushing, sled pulling and more. This is not a video about finesse – it’s smokin’ Boggers, open headers, flinging goo, and screaming big blocks!

The lively soundtrack, with its hardcore, garage-band feel compliments the action without ever obscuring it – you can still hear the big block’s valves float! The opening track, Corporate War’s *Risen*, is a favourite.

Unlike other videos - this one doesn't showcase the elegant driver/spotter dance seen in US competitive rock-crawling. These guys - like Diamond Dave in his flat-black, sticker-less, barn-buggy wonder - drop the hammer and drive like hell, over the sponsors' banners, spitting out cones from beneath massive, spinning military tires. The video doesn't give many details of the boulder-field rock crawling shown – but watching it, I think the goal might just have been to line up and ram as many cones as possible in an orgy of boulder-smashing fun! This is seriously entertaining stuff; delivering a great variety of footage, including some nut demolishing a *stock* Tracker on the tough-truck course!



White Knight co-owner/driver Theresa Huarte handles most of the camera work, and it’s clear she has a talent for it. My only criticism is that there wasn’t enough commentary – Theresa has a great on-camera voice that she should make greater use of. Extremely well edited, it had me grinning from start to finish. And the true sign of a good video? In the same way the folks filing out of the theatre after a Rocky movie can be seen jabbing and hooking the air – by the end of this video I was dying to go wheeling! While not the cheapest DVD on the market at \$20 US for just over 60 minutes, *Whiteknight.ca 2004* is an outstanding first video. Check out some clips yourself on their web page. Hopefully it’s the first of many great videos to come.