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HOST/ACTOR/PRECISION DRIVER



In addition to his current focus on television hosting and film roles, Kris Van Nest is a precision driver and off-pavement driving consultant for film, television, and various SUV manufacturers, including Land Rover®. Kris has hosted the weekly national adventure/travel television series Trekken™ -featuring some of the most challenging and breath-taking off-road destinations in the US- and the weekly adventure/sports television series FREESPORT-TV™. Each episode incorporated his interest in local histories and cultures with his love of the outdoors, exploration, learning, and adventure.

Kris has also worked internationally as an off-road/adventure competition developer, and across the United States as a driving instructor and new vehicle public relations consultant. His driving and instructional projects have included Land Rover's national Range Rover Experience Tour, Land Rover's GQ and Condé Nast media events, DaimlerChrysler's Camp Jeep and Jeep® 101 courses, and national customer and press tours. He has also appeared in film, television, and industrial lead precision driving roles. Kris has developed and led many four-wheel drive instructional seminars, and guided events sponsored by both local dealerships and adventure parks in the Northeast.

ADVENTURE TRAVEL & COMPETITION

Voted 1996's best new guide of the year at Pocono Whitewater in Lehigh, PA, Kris expanded his interests to include international travel and off-road driving when ranked 1st for Team U.S.A. in Camel Trophy Mongolia '97 (see sidebar). The 1997 adventure competition sponsored by Land Rover selected a final 40 team members from an international pool of over 1 million applicants. After multiple selection and training events in Georgia, Colorado, and Spain, Kris and his teammate spent over three weeks driving their Land Rover Discovery TDI (turbo diesel models) over 1800 miles throughout Mongolia, from the frozen lake Hövsgöl in the north to the Gobi desert in the south. New for '97, the competitions spanned multiple disciplines to include mountain biking, kayaking, orienteering, and off-road driving.

The following year, Kris worked with Land Rover to train and select the U.S. team, and was then hired as one of 10 competition developers who setup the competition route for Camel Trophy Tierra del Fuego '98. The '98 competition work in South America took the staff on a two month off-road trip driving Land Rover Defender 110's from Tierra del Fuego to Santiago during July, and then back to Tierra del Fuego during August. The route introduced them to the area's unique peoples and took them over ice-covered roads, snow, desert, and jungle as they made their way through the multi-climatic zones during South America's winter season.

EDUCATION

To balance his off-road interests, Kris enrolled in a broadcast television program at New York University's School of Continuing and Professional Studies and a doctoral program at Columbia University's Teachers College, both in New York City, NY. His courses at NYU are designed around a Certificate in Broadcasting/Broadcast Production. At Columbia, he was studying to receive a doctorate in Educational Psychology: Human Cognition & Learning, with a specialization in Intelligent Technologies, before taking a sabbatical to pursue television and acting. He focused many of his class projects at Columbia on the psychology of multimedia and television-based instruction, and incorporated many of his studies into his consulting.

He received a Certificate in Artificial Neural Networks from the University of Cambridge, U.K., a Master of Science in Educational Technology from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA, and a Bachelor of Arts in Cognitive Science & Artificial Intelligence, with a minor in Anthropology, also from Lehigh. At Lehigh, Kris was a brother and recycling chairman at Delta Upsilon fraternity and played the wing position for the college's rugby team. He is currently a member of the International Motor Press Association and a supporter of Children International.