

DOG AND JEEP A classic Urban Legend

A YOUNG MAN FROM Michigan bought himself a brand new \$30,000 Grand Cherokee Jeep for Christmas.

He went down to his favourite bar to celebrate.

After knocking back a few beers with his mates, the group decided to, test drive the new vehicle by going on a duck hunting expedition.

They loaded up the Jeep with the young man's dog, the guns, the decoys, and of course some more beer.

They then all headed out in the Jeep to a nearby lake.

Of course the lake was frozen and so they needed to make a hole in the ice to create a natural landing area for the ducks and the decoys.

They drove the Jeep into the middle of the frozen lake, which is a common practise in Michigan.

It is also common practice, although illegal, to make a hole in the ice with dynamite.

One member of the party worked for a construction team and, with great foresight, had bought some dynamite along.

The only problem was that this particular stick of dynamite only had a very short fuse.

It was a twenty second fuse.

Although they were still having one or two drinks the group were conscious of the need for safety and started wondering how to safely dynamite a hole in the ice.

One man pointed out that the dynamite should explode as far from the group as possible. Another worried about slipping on the ice when running away from a burning fuse.

Finally it was decided that the fuse should be lit, and then the best "thrower" should hurl the dynamite across the ice as far as possible away from the group.

The owner of the Jeep was voted the best "thrower".

Thus with a certain amount of trepidation he took the stick of dynamite and walked about twenty feet away from his companions.

Then one of the gang lit the fuse with a Zippo lighter.

As soon as our man heard the fuse sizzle he hurled the dynamite and its fuse across the ice and ran at great speed back to his mates.

Everybody heaved a sigh of relief as the plan seemed to have worked. However they had forgotten the dog

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The dog was a trained black Labrador, born and bred for retrieving, especially things thrown by his owner.

As soon as the dynamite leaves his master's hand, the dog sprints across the ice, hell bent on wrapping his jaws round that enticing stick-shaped object.

Five frantic fellows immediately start shouting at the dog, trying vainly to get him to stop chasing the dynamite.

Their cries fall on deaf ears.

Before you know it the dog is heading back to his owner proudly carrying the stick of dynamite with the burning twenty second fuse attached.

The group continue to yell and wave their arms while the happy dog continues to trot towards them.

In a desperate act the dog's master grabs his shotgun and fires at his own dog.

The gun is loaded with duck shot, the whizzing pellets confuses the dog more than hurts him.

Bewildered, the dog continues towards his master, who once again shoots another round of duck shot in his general direction.

Finally, coming to the conclusion that his master has gone mad, the dog runs for cover with his tail between his legs.

He goes under the brand new Jeep Grand Cherokee, drops the stick of dynamite, and runs away into the woods.

BOOM!! The Jeep is blown to bits and sinks to the bottom of the lake, leaving a large ice hole in its wake.

The stranded men stand staring at the water with silly looks on their faces, and the owner of the Jeep is left trying to explain to his Insurance Company how the accident came about.

Needless to say the Insurance Company decide that "sinking a vehicle in a lake by the illegal use of dynamite is not covered by our policy", and the owner is still making \$400 monthly payments on his brand new Jeep at the bottom of the lake.