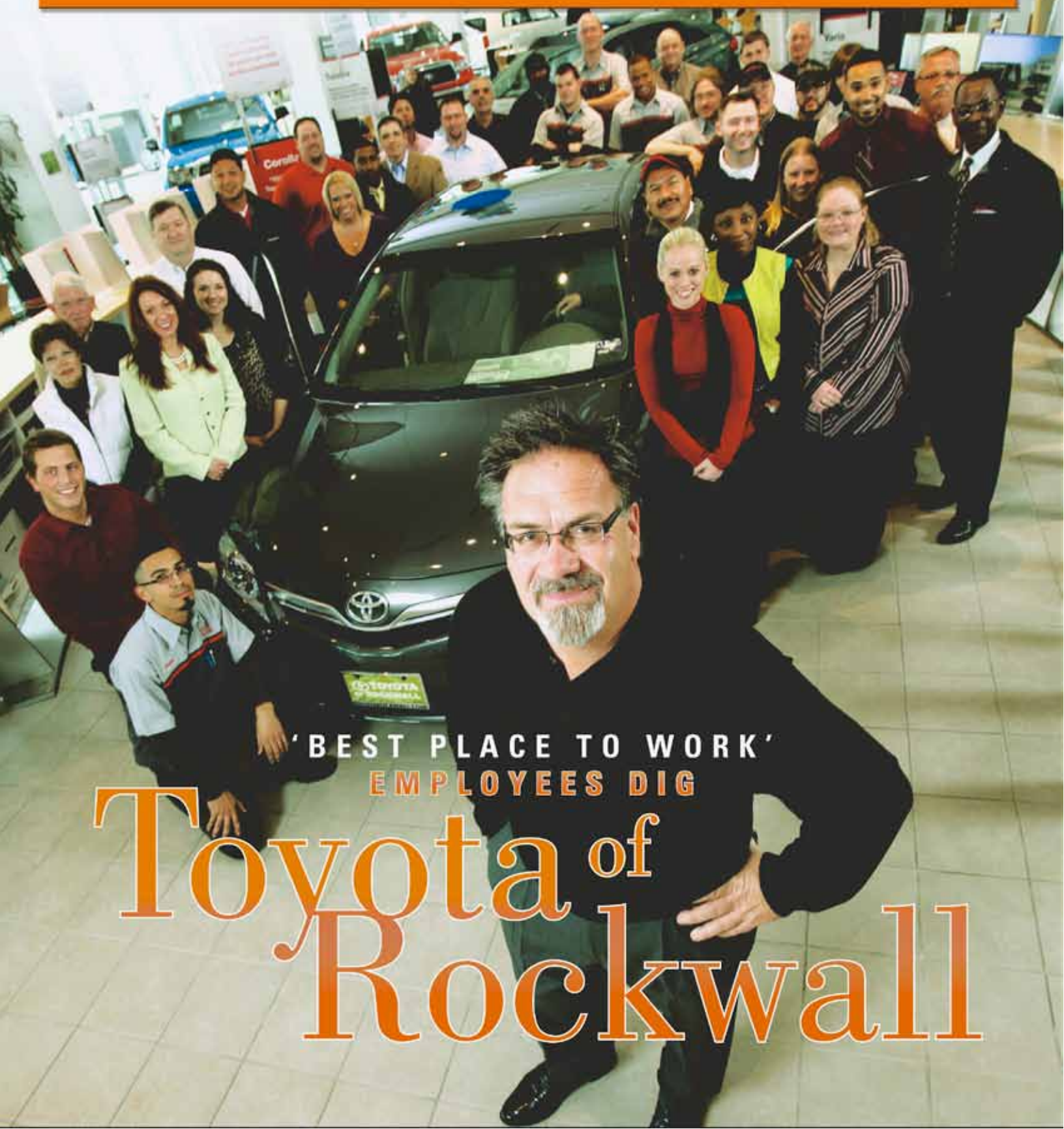


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'MIGHTY TUNDRA' GOES WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

Editor's note: Nature photographer and Tundra owner Mark J. Harlow has received national awards from the Outdoor Writers Association of America (OWAA). Toyota is a sponsor of OWAA, which is where we heard of Harlow and his "Mighty Tundra." Below, he shares some of his experiences with Toyota Today.

Dear Toyota,

Friends call it "Legend." I call it "MT" for the Mighty Tundra.

Being a professional nature photographer, most of my time is spent in the wilderness. Photographing wildlife can be dangerous, especially in areas so remote that a simple mishap can turn into a complicated situation. I drive through some of the most rugged terrain in the United States to get to shoot locations, and my 2000 Tundra has never let me down.

It may sound strange, but my Tundra is part of me and my livelihood. I live in northern Minnesota, where the winter environments are some of the harshest in the lower 48. My Tundra has never been parked in a garage during the winter, nor plugged in to an engine heater. I am amazed that it starts every morning during the coldest spells when tow trucks are busy with people trying to get to work. Trust me, -38 degrees is no picnic.

On a recent trip to photograph grizzly bears in Wyoming, a winter storm was en route and the bears were on the move. Scouting and tracking brought me in close to a very large female grizzly. Too close. She stared me down. Then she proceeded to snarl and show her teeth. After she settled down, I eased out of there, left my tripod behind and hiked back to the safety of the MT.

I normally don't put people or things on a pedestal, but when the truck turned 494,000 miles (with the original motor and transmission), I strangely found myself saying, "Great job, MT!"

I have no idea how long the Mighty Tundra will go, but thank you for building such a legendary truck.

Sincerely,
Mark J. Harlow

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