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ON THE ROAD

TRIP TO THE MILE HIGH CITY - DENVER, COLORADO

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THE INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE INVITATIONAL 89

7/11/89 - Marty slept at Ken's house. We watched the All-Star game.

7/12/89 - We left home about 6:45 AM eastern time. We picked up our friend Teddy Seigle. The Plane took off about 9:30 AM. The flight was about 3 hours and 35 minutes. The flight had a movie, but Marty and Ken opted not to watch it. There was a charge of \$ 4:00 for the earphone. Teddy was sitting on the other side of the plane and decided to watch the movie. Marty and Ken ate omelettes with a white cheese and vegetables. Teddy had french toast with rasins and walnuts in it. Latter had soft drink and peanuts. Teddy had a scotch and gingerale.

Two very nice ladies, Sandy Naples and Maria Naso, from Boston, arrived the day before. They came to Stapelton Airport to pick us up. We went to hotel and checked in. The name of hotel was Writer's Manor. We had a suite. Three rooms with two beds and a pull out couch. Had alot of drawers and closet space including a kitchen with closets and a big refrigerator. The view from the hotel was magnificent. We had the Rocky Mountains in the background. All of us went downstair to meet old friends

That afternoon we went with Sandy and Maria to the Cinderella shopping Mall. The girls went shopping and ate a late lunch. Marty and Sandy had pizza. Maria had a tuna salad sandwich and Teddy and Ken had a good chicken sandwich with fries and a large drink. We took a ride on an old fashioned carousel replica. This merry go round had two floors with fake flowers all over it. On the top there was muriel paintings on the ceiling of Venice Italy with the gondolas. We all headed back for the hotel.

About 6:00 PM we had a meeting in the penthouse . Some wrestlers were there such as Lord Littlebrook, The Party Animal and Col DeBeers. Marty and Ken sat right in back of The Party Animal. We had a chance to chat. He was very pleasant. About 7:30 PM some of us walked over to the Red Coral Chinese restaurant. The food was good. Marty and Ken shared beef fried rice and chicken and cashew. Teddy who was sitting on the other end of the table had beef with Brocoli. We went back to hotel. That evening we went to a party in one of the rooms. The

Karate Kid and Colonel DeBeers showed up. DeBeers said that Snuka was his toughest opponent. We went back to room and called it a day.

7/13/89 - Went to breakfast across the way from the hotel in a place called Le Peeps. About 9:00 AM we joined good friends John H. Lanigan and Betsey Anderson. We took cab to the Thrifty car rental place. We left from there to go to Cheyene, Wyoming. Cheyene is a little more than a hundred miles from Denver. This part of the United States is called big sky country. This statement is true, because going from Denver to Cheyene all you see is mountains in the distance and prairie land as far as you can see. The sky was blue with white clouds. The landscape is just something. Cheyene is a small town, but nice with alot of old hotels.

We all ate lunch at the Whipple House. This place is an old victorian style house with stain Glass windows and fire places that work, but they aren't in use. On one of the walls has a framed picture that says "Home Sweet Home". This was one of the first houses to have electric installed. Marty, Teddy and Kenny ate a grilled chicken with different kinds of pasta and vegetables. Betsey and John ate a dish of vegetable pasta. For desert Ken had chocolate mousse cake, while Teddy had walnut cake. Betsey had capuchino. Marty and John opted for no dessert. We all agreed that the food in the Whipple House was excellent. While we ate lunch high school girls came over and were modeling their western clothes. These young ladies were very pretty and so were the clothes they were showing off.

We walked over to the station to pick up trolly car ride tour for five dollars. This was well worth it. The guide was very friendly. During the mid 1800 alot of europeans came to the cheyene area. They were known as cattle barons. They came here to raise cattle. They built geougeous mansions and homes. Many still stand today. In 1874 they discovered gold in the Black Hills. Cheyene is known as the magic city of the plains. It is also the capital of Wyoming. It is named after the Cheyen Indians. The first phone call was made from Cheyene to Laramie. We passed The first Methodist Church. They say that this is the building where Wild Bill Hickok got married. We passed the capital building. This building is one of ten capital buildings in the United States that has a gold dome. We passed a very old house that has a ball room on the top floor. The tour drove through Fort Warren Military Base. Passed houses where military people live including generals. We went to a museum and took pictures of old carriages. We passed a house made out of logs. This house was originally built outside of town. They took every log down and numbered them, and then built the house over again in town the exact way, with each log in the exact same place.

After the tour we went shopping. Marty and Teddy brought dungarees in a store called The Wrangler. This store is named after The Wrangler dungaree company. Ken bought a mug in the same store. We then ate a snack in a Mexican resturant. At 6:00 PM the city holds a shoot-out. These men recreate a bank robbery and other things with western gangs. We then left to return to Denver. Maria, Sandy Bill Brice and many others went white water rafting. They all said they had a very good time. We passed a town called Loveland. Dose everyone love each other in that town? That night everybody went across the way to Bennigan's. Marty ate french fries only claming not to be hungry. Teddy ate stake with a backed patato and salad. Ken ate baked ziti with salad and gar bread. Some of the wrestlers such as Butch Masters, Mr. Outrageous, The Party Animal, Cowboy Cantrell and Lord Littlebrook ate dinner with us. After dinner we went to Sandy and Maria's room. Mr. Outrageous joined us. We then called it a night.

7/14/89 - Steve Schonberger joined Teddy and Ken for breakfast at the Village Inn. Teddy and Ken ate omeletes with pancakes and hashbrowns. Steve had french toast. After breakfast, went back to hotel and relaxed at the swimming pool. Marty went with Bill Brice and his family to Mesume Of Natural History. At 2:00 PM everybody gathered in the penthouse for the auction. They were auctioning off things from wrestling material to Chuck Norris material. During the auction Marty and Teddy went on a bidding war. After the auction, Maria, Anastasia, Sandy, Marty, and Ken went to eat in a place called Beau Jos' Pizza. We all had the salad bar and then ate Pizza. This pizza was incredibel. The pizza was made with five different cheeses, plus half with mushrooms and the other half had pepperoni. The size of the pie and the crust is impossible to describe. We never saw a pizza like it before. Went back to hotel to relax. About 6:30 PM left for arena to go to the matches.

7/14/89 THE NORTH SIDE COMMUNITY CENTER, DENVER, COLORADO

- (1) The Wardog W. The Grappler (The Wardog did a nice take down. The Wardog pushed The Grappler out of the ring. The Grappler told a fan, "come up to the ring if you think you can do it better". The war dog executed a good suplex. The Grappler threw The Wardog off the top rope. The Wardog won by pin, after the use of a small package. This was not a bad opener and gets a 7.)
- (2) Billy The Kid W. Cowboy Cantrell (Billy is about 5 years old and the son of security guard Randy, who worked The Invitational. This was a novelty match. Billy gave The Cowboy a head lock and hip toss. Billy started to twist Cantrell's arm. The Kid won with a body press. This match was quite funny. It should be noted that Cantrell is a midget. We give this match a ten and hope that billy had some fun. Billy is just adorable.)
- (3) Maximum Overdrive W. Country Joe (Overdrive had Joe in a head lock. Maximum clotheslined Joe. Joe body slammed Overdrive. Maximum executed a snap suplex and body slam. Overdrive won with a dive off the top rope and hooked legs for a pin combination. This match gets a 9.)
- (4) Butch Masters W. Charlie Norris (Masters came in with a cowbell. Norris executed a good take down. Masters pulled Charlie's arm and Norris gave Masters a karate chop to the chest. Masters executed a foot to his opponent throat. Norris tried to pin him, but no luck. Masters started to choke and punch Norris in the head. Masters won by a pin, with an elbow to the throat. this match gets a 9.)
- (5) Chief Thunder Mug & The Kid W. Lord Littlebrook & Cowboy Cantrell (Lord Littlebrook told Marty to shot up. Thunder Mug went at it with Cantrell to start things off. Cantrell executed a take down on Thunder. Lord told the referee to open his eyes. Karate executed some good karate kicks. Lord started to work on Karate. Thunder Mug tried to pin cantrell several times, but no luck. Cantrell executed a good body slam. Little called the ref. a goof. Mugs executed a dropkick and another body slam. The Karate Kid rolled up Littlebrook with a cradle for the win. This match gets a 9.)
- (6) Mr. Outrageous DREW The Party Animal (The Party Animal came out and walked around the ring and then kissed Marty. Outrageous threw The Animal into the turnbuckle. The Party Animal D.Dted his opponent. Outrageous gave him a good head lock, clotheslined and kicked him in the thigh. They both clotheslined themselves at the same. Outrageous executed a good suplex and a low blow. The Outrageous One tried to pin The Animal, but no luck. Mr. Outrageous executed

a body slam and tried to pin him again, but no luck. Party Animal executed a very good hip toss. Animal tried to pin outrageous with a roll up, but no luck. The Party Animal executed a very good clothesline. This match went to the time limit and was ruled a draw. This match gets a 10.)

(7) The Satin Doll W. Susan Starr -DQ. (The Doll executed a good body slam. Starr choked the Doll. Doll tripped Starr. Starr tried to pin satin, but no luck. Starr executed a good slam. The Satin Doll won by disqualification because she was thrown over the top rope. This match gets a 6.

(8) The Guitar Crusher W. Colonel DeBeers -DQ. (DeBeers asked if the Crusher used steroids. The Crusher said no. DeBeers said he was lying. Teddy yelled out dose it matter and the Colonel said it did. DeBeers rammed The Crusher's head into the ring ropes. The Crusher executed a good sommersault. DeBeers started to punch Crusher in the head and then executed a kick to the stomach. The Crusher back slammed DeBeers and executed a good atomic drop and back drop. DeBeers pushed The Crusher into the referee. The referee regained his composure and, then, disqualified the good Colonel. This match gets a 10.)

(9) Chuck Norris & Chief Thunder Mug W. Butch Masters and Cowboy Cantrell (Cantrell started to go at it with Thunder Mug. Cantrell executed a good body slam on Thunder Mug. Masters started to hit Norris in the head. Norris gave Masters a karate chop. Thunder Mug gave Cantrell a good body slam. Charlie pinned Masters with a cradle. This match had good action and gets a 10.)

(10) Don Juan W. Too Cold Scorpio (Scorpio gave Don a good ropkick. Scorpio executed a good back drop and drop kick and another back drop. Don started to punch Scorpio in the chest area and, then, executed a good back drop. Scorpio executed a good flying body press off the top ropes. He tried to pin Don, but Don kicked out. Scorpio clotheslined, Sommersaulted and drop kicked Juan. Don, finally, won when Scorpio came off the top rope with a flying body press. Too Cold started to pin Don, but Don reversed it and pinned him. The best match of the night and gets a 10)

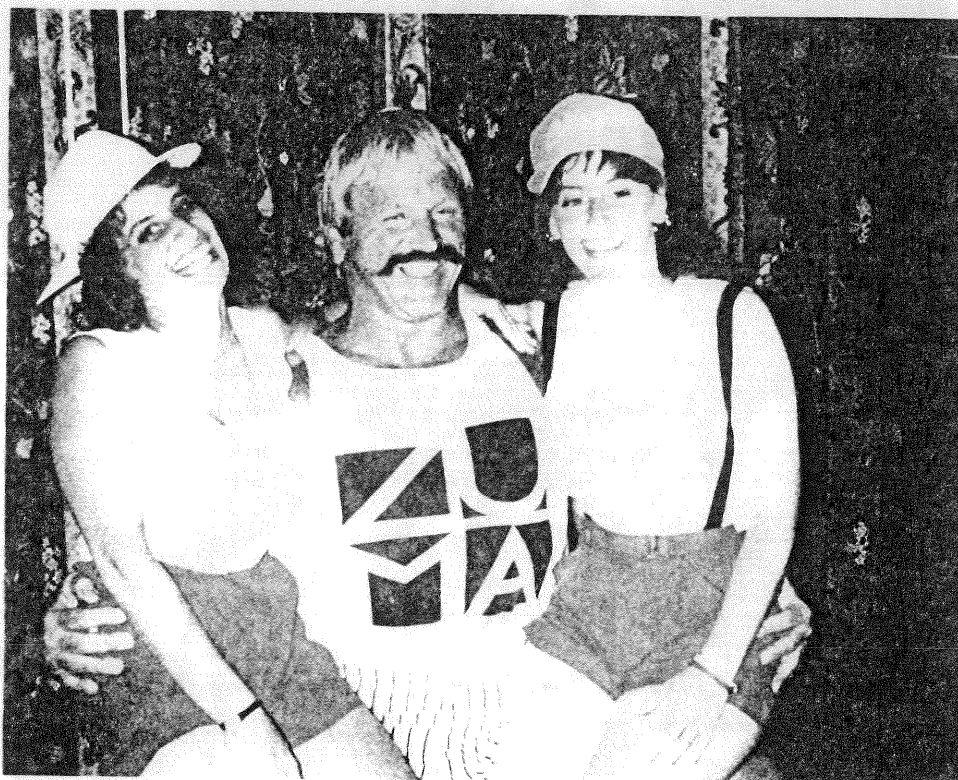
(11) THE BATTLE ROYAL

Order of elimination

(1) Maximun Overdrive (2) Country Joe (3) Lord Littlebrook (4) Don Juan (5) Thunder Mug (6) Karate Kid (7) Too Cold Scorpio (8) Mr. Outrageous (9) Cowboy Cantrell (10) Charlie Norris (11) Colonel DeBeers (12) The Guitar Crusher (13) The Party Animal (14) Butch Masters threw The Party Animal out of the ring over the top rope and was, then, declared the winner. This royal gets an 8. This card was very good and gets 8/1/2.)

After The Matches we went back to the hotel for a pool party. Teddy left the party early and went to sleep. After the pool party we went to one of the rooms and another party.

7/15/89 - We got up about 9:00 AM and watched The N.W.A. on television. After the matches on TV relaxed for awhile. We all then got ready for the banquet. At the banquet we ate salad with Meatloaf and mashed patatos. There were pasties and coffee for dessert. Now time for the Tacky Awards.



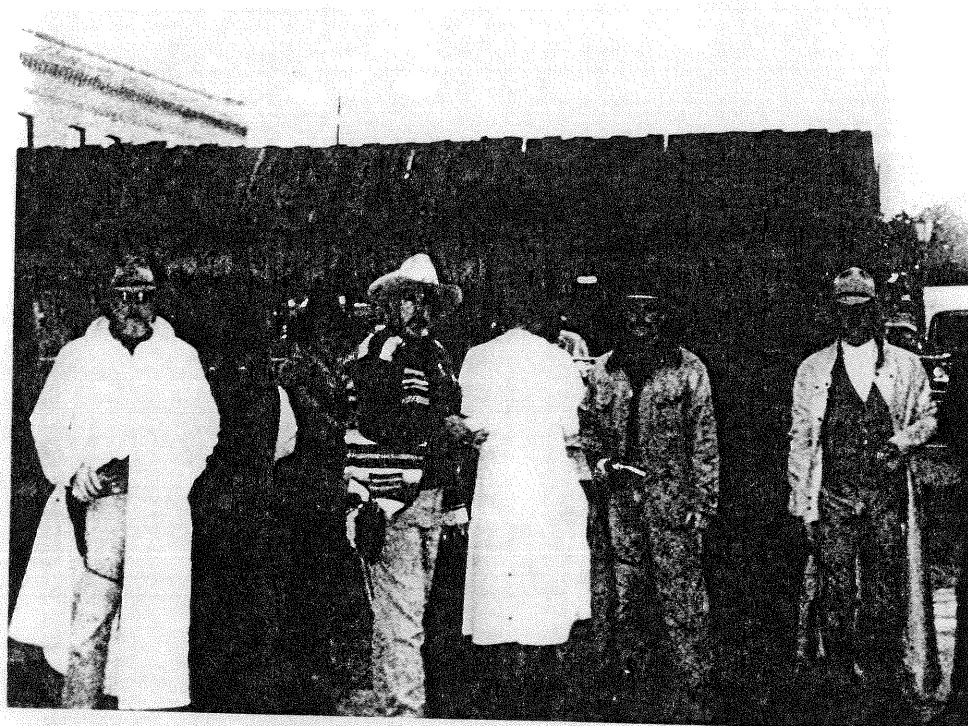
Maria D. Naso, Colonel DeBeers and Sandy Naples



Ken at the whipple House. This place was in Cheyene Wyoming.



All of us at the Whipple House.
Marty, Ken, John and Teddy



The men who staged the shoot-out

THE TACKY AWARDS

- (1) BEST WOMEN WRESTLERS - SATIN DOLL & SUSAN STARR
 - (2) WORST RING COSTUME - MR. OUTRAGEOUS
 - (3) BEST MALE PHYSIQUE - THE PARTY ANIMAL
 - (4) WORST MALE PHYSIQUE - DON JUAN
 - (5) BEST RING MAKE UP - THE WARDOG & THE GRAPPLER
 - (6) OVER INFLATED EGO - DON JUAN
 - (7) TRAVEL AWARD - MICHAEL GRATCHNER & BRUCE VINER
 - (8) PARTY ANNIHILATORS - SANDY NAPLES & MARIA D. NASO (KNOWN SEPARATELY AS THE PARTY TERRORISTS)
 - (9) BIKERS (MOTORCYCLES) - MR OUTRAGEOUS & THE PARTY ANIMAL
 - (10) WORST MUSIC ENTRANCE - BUTCH MASTERS
 - (11) HELPFUL SECURITY - RANDY & STONEY
 - (12) BEST PUBLICATION - THE VOICE OF THE MAT (THE AWARD READ THE DAILY GROWL.)
 - (13) PARTY MAN - BILL BRICE
 - (14) FOR KARATE - KARATE KID & THE NINJA
 - (15) PENCIL NECK GEEK - TEDDY SEIGLE & ROBERT ZUNEGA
 - (16) BEST TAG TEAM - LORD LITTLEBROOK & COWBOY CANTRELL
 - (17) PHOTO COVERAGE - BRUCE VINER & MIKE GRATCHNER
 - (18) BEST INTERNATIONAL FOOD CRITIC - JOHN H. LANIGAN
 - (19) BEST HEEL - COLONEL DEBEERS
 - (20) MOST POPULAR FANS - MARTY GORMAN
 - (21) AUCTION ACTION AWARD - TEDDY SEIGLE & MARTY GORMAN
 - (22) SUCCESS OF THE INVITATIOAL - THOMAS SHADE
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After the banquet was over we went to the swimming pool to relax. About 6:00 PM we left for the arena.

- (1) The Grappler W. The Wardog -DQ. The Wardog executed a good suplex and body slam and another suplex. The Dog threw The Grappler out of the ring. The Grappler won by disqualification, because of outside interference. This match gets an 8.)
- (2) The Party Animal W. Mr. Outrageous (The Animal started to punch him in the chest and rammed his head into the turnbuckle. He, then, gave Outrageous a clothesline and a very good suplex. Outrageous started to work on The Party's back and tried to pin Party, but no luck. The Party Animal won by pin after the use of a rolling cradle. This match gets a 10.)
- (3) Lord Littlebrook & Cowboy Cantrell & Butch Masters W. Chief Thunder Mug & The Karate Kid & Charlie Norris (Charlie and Butch started things off. Lord told the referee to shot up. Charlie gave Masters a good hip toss. Cantrell body slammed Thunder. Charlie started to spank Cantrell. Masters tried to pin Norris, but no luck. Lord started to work on Thunder Mug. Cantrell pinned Chief Thunder Mug with a roll up pin after the use of a D.DT. This match gets a 10.)
- (4) The Black Ninja W. Country Joe (The Ninja started to work Joe over. Ninja head butted Joe. Country Joe body slammed Ninja. The Ninja started to slap Joe in the chest and then choked him. The Ninja won with a sleeper hold. This match gets a 7.)
- (5) The Party Animal W. Don Juan (The Party Animal executed a good hip toss. Don started to punch Animal in the chest/throat area and a foot to the chest. Don executed a good pile driver. The Party Animal executed a good clotheslin Don executed a good hip toss. The Animal, finally, pinned Don after the use of a clothesline. This match gets a 7.)
- (6) Susan Starr W. Satin Doll (Starr executed a good hip toss and then went to work on the arm. A fan started to insult Starr. Susan told him to come in. Satin tried to pin Starr, but no luck. Starr executed an airplane spin and a clothesline. Starr won by a pin fall after Colonel DeBeers came out and tripped Satin. This match gets a 7.)
- (7) Colonel DeBeers & Mr. Outrageous DQ. . Guitar Crusher & Too Cold Scorpio ("The Colonel said get the black man out of the ring". DeBeers said "he will not touch him," referring to Scorpio. Too Cold gave Outrageous a good hip toss. Outrageous told Crusher that he used steroids. Crusher executed a double clothesline. Scorpio started to work on outrageous' arm. The match started to get real wild. The referee couldn't handle the action. The referee, then signaled for the bell. The match was ruled a double disqualification. Gets a 9.)
- (8) Maximum Overdrive W. Hot Rod Eddie Rabbit (This match had some great action During the match Overdrive picked Eddie over his head and held him in a press position for at least ten seconds, if not more. Maximum won by pin after coming off the top rope with a clothesline. This match gets a 6.)
- (9) BATTLE ROYAL
- The last three in the ring were colonel DeBeers, The Party Animal & The Ninj The Good Colonel and The Ninja threw The Party Animal over the top rope. The colonel, then, turned on The Nija and threw him over the top rope. DeBeers was declared the winner. This royal gets an 8.) This card was good and gets an 8.



The party Annihilators, Maria & Sandy.

Some of us in the lobby of the hotel.





Teddy and Robert accepting their award.

Maria, Ken & Sandy at one of the parties



After the matches, went back to hotel and ate a late dinner with Anastasia Pantsios, Betsey Anderson and Thomas Shade. After dinner went to a party in the room of the St. Louis guys. We grabbed Marty, and Ken put a sock over his eyes and Maria and crew sprayed him with whipped cream. Left party about 3:00 AM. Teddy left party earlier. Marty and Ken took showers and then thought we were going to bed. We got a phone call about 3:30 AM from room 1430. This was the room of the party annihilators. They said they were holding a party. We went to the party and stayed to dawn. We got to bed about 6:00 AM.

7/16/89 - Teddy and Ken joined John H. Lanigan for the buffet brunch in the hotel. There was everything from omeletes, chicken, fish, and fruit. Stayed around swimming pool for a while. In the evening Party Animal and Don Juan joined a lot of us for pizza at Beau Jos'. Teddy went to another restaurant with John and Steve. We all then went bowling. After bowling we went to a party in one of the rooms. During the day we went to a soft ball game. Marty played, but Ken just watched.

7/17/89 - Went to breakfast across the way from the hotel and then went horse back riding. Came back and relaxed at pool. After dinner landed in hotel coffee shop with Juda and Diane and talked about the invitational. We then landed in the Party Annihilators room. About 2:00 AM called it a day.

7/17/89 - Went to swimming pool in the morning. For lunch went with Maria, Sandy and Don Juan for Chinese food. The girls then drove us to the airport. We, then, left for New York. The girls left the next day.

We would like to thank Sandy Naples and Maria D. Naso for all they did for us. They made our trip a little bit easier. We have to say that they really know how to party and made this invitational so much fun.

We would also like to thank the wrestlers who hung out with the fans. They made us feel really welcome.

A special thanks go out to Juda Williamson, Diane Devine and Thomas Shade. Without these people this invitational could never have been successful. This was the best wrestling trip we have ever been on. Juda, Diane and Thomas really know what they were doing and made this a trip we will not forget for a long time to come.

We extend our thanks to Juda Williamson, Diane Devine, Tom Shade, Sandy Naples, Maria D, Naso, John H. Lanigan, Don Juan & The Party Animal.

Have a good summer and until our next issue,

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