

**Charles Donovan:** That's where I learned to ... and on Umnak Island, I learned how to drive a Jeep – a 1940's Jeep.

**Janis Kozlowski:** Oh really.

**Charles Donovan:** That's where I learned to drive.

**Janis Kozlowski:** You mean, drive at all, or just to drive a Jeep?

**Charles Donovan:** Drive at all.

**Janis Kozlowski:** Oh, really!

**Charles Donovan:** Yep.

**Janis Kozlowski:** So, who taught you?

**Charles Donovan:** I did. [Chuckle]

**Janis Kozlowski:** Oh, you just got in and figured it out, huh?

**Charles Donovan:** Got in [Chuckle], figured it out, and away we went.

**Janis Kozlowski:** [Laugh] So, did they not allow, or was there no opportunity to drive before then?

**Charles Donovan:** No.

**Janis Kozlowski:** Well, I guess you joined the Navy at 17, so....

**Charles Donovan:** Yes, right. Well, at that time, as I said, we lived in Buffalo, New York and my dad never had a car – never in his life had a car. My oldest brother bought a, oh, a 19 ... 30, 36, or '33 Ford. And I can remember my dad getting out in the backyard - my brother headed out there one time - my dad getting into it and he backed into a fence.

**Janis Kozlowski:** Oh, oh!

**Charles Donovan:** But, that was his first driving experience - and his last. But, anyway, I had never had occasion to have access to a car.

**Janis Kozlowski:** Well, that's pretty amazing. So, that was a, was that a pretty big deal for you?

**Charles Donovan:** Oh, yeah. Yeah, that was great.

**Janis Kozlowski:** So, then did you get to drive that Jeep around?

**Charles Donovan:** Oh, I'm telling you, I drove it all over the island.

**Janis Kozlowski:** [Laugh]

**Charles Donovan:** [Chuckle]

**Janis Kozlowski:** How many roads were there?

**Charles Donovan:** [Chuckle] There weren't many ...

**Janis Kozlowski:** [Laugh]

**Charles Donovan:** ... but I'd make roads.

**Janis Kozlowski:** [Laugh]

**Charles Donovan:** We'd go over that tundra grass like a, well again, we'd make a road.

**Janis Kozlowski:** [Chuckle] That must have been kind of a bumpy ride.

**Charles Donovan:** It was.

**Janis Kozlowski:** Didn't care though, right? [Laugh]

**Charles Donovan:** No. Not a bit ... had fun doing it.