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A grand daughter is to wed in Bluff, Utah next Saturday, 1 October. Not all relatives can attend. Those who can participate, will drive.

There is no reasonable alternative.

The nearest airport is more than an hour away, the San Juan River will not accommodate more than a raft, and there is no provision for caring for horses.

Relatives from the East Coast are flying to Grand Junction, motoring to Moab, Utah where they'll spend a night or two with Colorado relatives. Then that group will motorcade to Bluff for a festive five days. Most Colorado guests will take the same route later, spending lesser time in preparation for the wedding, will explore that Indian countryside still filled with a thousand years of lore and artifacts from those early settlers who proceeded the white man.

Others are driving to Durango, to pick up a family friend, then the two hour trek, west to Bluff.

This promises to be a unique autumn adventure. The area around Bluff is rugged.

But trees abound, adding their green to the reds, pinks, dusky colors predominating here the fall of any year.

Wedding visitors and the honored couple, are anticipating days of good food and merriment. (Yes liquid spirits are being imported into Utah). Then, renewal of acquaintances, meeting new ones, accepting a new family into our family of man, and the adventures this promises.

Days will begin and end with the spectacular sunrise and sunset this hidden gem of the west promises all visitors.

Certainly worthy the eight hour drive to reach that remote corner of Utah and its treasured adventures.

New tales of grandeur for all lucky enough to be a relative, and personal friend, as Zak Podmore and Amanda Nichols begin a life together these final three months of 2016.