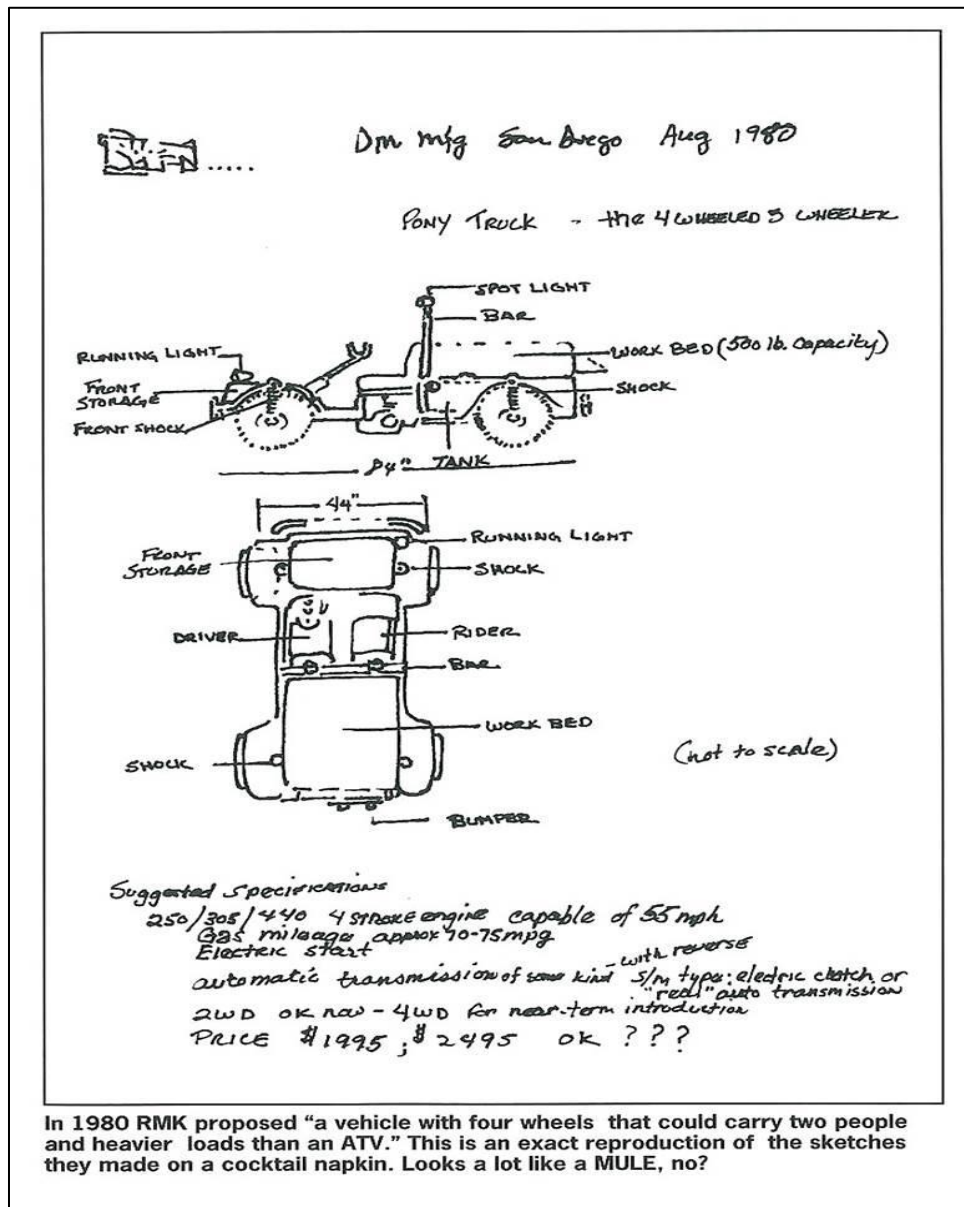


A Brief History of the Kawasaki Mule

- The original Kawasaki Mule concept came about during a District Manager Meeting at San Diego in August 1980. Below is a representation of the cocktail napkin concept sketch that was proposed by Rocky Mountain Kawasaki. This concept was the inspiration for the KAF450 or the market named Mule 1000 and was the first multi-purpose, off road Utility Vehicle.



- The first functional KAF450 Mule prototype was designed and built by Fumio Mizuta and Isamu Matsuo.
- After the KAF450 prototype was tested and approved for development the following design team was assembled:
 - Chassis design: Leader: Takahiko Aoyama; Staff: Hideyoshi Kosuge, Itsuo Takegami
 - Chassis testing: Leader: Hisayoshi Hosoi; Staff: Fumio Nonaka, Harunobu Honda, Hirotochi
 - Engine design: Leader: Tadashige Yamada; Staff: Hidetoshi Kaku, Kiyohito Takano, Yoshiharu Matsuda, Masato Kinoshita
 - Engine testing: Leader: Takashi Inoue; Staff: Shigeo Takagi, Masao Mikasa
- Mule PRO FXT Design Team (the vehicle donated to KCAI):
 - Vehicle Concept and Layout: Tyler Furman, Brian Butler
 - Vehicle Development Leader: Kazamasu Hisada
 - Chassis Design Leader: Kazamasu Hisada
 - Engine/Drive Train Design Leader: Yuji Koma