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National Corvette
Museum is coming!
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season begins in March
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season begins in March
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Next Meeting

**Saturday, February 5
at 21st Century
Muscle Cars.**

**See Page 2 for
details.**

•11:30 - Lunch

**•12:30 - Meeting
begins**

Make Plans Now for Albany Trip

We are planning another trip to Albany (Texas) for March 12-13. Last year we had 27 cars and everyone seemed to have a great time. This year we have added about 25 more hotel rooms and expanded our trip to more Corvette drivers. Albany is a town of about 2,000 and is 28 miles northeast of Abilene. It has a very unique museum (it's in the old county jail) and has a steak house that was previously listed in Texas Monthly as "The best steak house in a small town in Texas" After dinner, we can play cards or dominoes or just sit around and talk Corvettes. We will eat lunch on Saturday in COOL, Texas and enjoy chicken fried steak and chicken fried chicken and some of the best pies your appetite can handle. From there we will travel some great winding (Corvette) roads and arrive in Albany for the nite and the ladies can antique in downtown Albany. On Sunday morning some more good driving and breakfast at the Smokestack restaurant. Then some more good roads on the way back (east) home. There will be a sign up sheet at the next meeting on Feb 5. See Ed Clark for other details.

Fredericksburg Trip Coming Up

Hill Country Tour, Friday April 1 through Sunday April 3 2005.

This is a no Interstate Trip.

We will leave Benbrook around 9 am on Friday and return to Benbrook around 4 to 5 pm on Sunday. We will drive on the back roads to Fredericksburg.

There are 20 rooms blocked at the Fredericksburg Inn and Suites in Fredericksburg, Texas The web site is www.fredericksburg-inn.com. Reserve your room at 1-800-446-0202, under Corvette Club, Lone Star. The block of rooms will be held until March 1st. More details will be on the Club web site on the forum, plan ahead.

If you have any questions, either email rog.jones@comcast.net at 214-287-8388

Dallas Autorama Help Needed

The cars are set for our yearly club display at the Dallas Autorama, but we desperately need members to represent the club. The Autorama is at Dallas Market Hall on Friday February 11 through Sunday February 13.

We need members in the display to answer questions about our club during the event. As an incentive, if you work the display for a couple of hours, the club will reimburse your admission cost to the show. Tentative hours are 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 12 noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. To volunteer, call John Tipps, 972/406-8107, Johnny Downs at 214/340-6300 or Ken Smith, 214/704-7374.

142 mph???

That was in the turn.....

By Bob Vance

You hit the first sweeping curve at 118 mph - too hot. The car starts pushing to the outside. The rear end starts to lift, just like they told you. You want to hit the brakes but you know better! You apply power and the back end settles, the car adheres firmly to the road. You keep pushing the pedal until it hits the floor. You wish there were more. You look at the speedo as you exit the corner - 142mph. WOW! What a rush! Is this crazy? Perhaps. Is this open road racing? Definitely!

In the Big Bend area there are two cities: Fort Stockton and Sanderson, which are about 60 miles apart. They are connected by a wonderful stretch of highway known as US285. Several years ago, someone had a great idea. Have DPS shut the highway down for a day so it could be used as a racecourse. Way cool! Thus the **Big Bend Open Road Race** was born.

The official race distance from Fort Stockton to Sanderson is 59 miles. Thus the total mileage, there and back, is 118. When is the last time you had the chance to *legally* drive as fast as you want on a US highway for 118 miles and do so in relative safety? Me neither, until now!

See *Open Road Racing* - page 9

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is the 20th of each month.**

President's Corner

by Allen Kaus

We had a good turnout at the January meeting. I managed to get through my first meeting as president without passing out or anything. What a relief. It should be easy skating from here on hopefully. I would like to take this chance to encourage all members to attend at least a few meetings. We usually have 10-15% of our total members at any one meeting and this is where important decisions are discussed. It is also one of the few places to make your opinion known. Help make this club what you want it to be.

The car show season is just beginning. Volunteers are needed everywhere. The Autorama is this month and the New Car Show is just down the road. Johnny Downs needs volunteers now! Volunteering is a great way to meet and associate with other members within our club. Please read your newsletter carefully and mark your calendars with the events you are interested in. Check the website (lonestarcorvette.com) regularly for information also. Whether you are a new member or an old one, anytime you want to know more about an event, ask one of our many coordinators or an officer. We will always try our best to help you. We would like to see more members participating in the club events that are offered. So this year, I hope to see more members being involved!

Allen

Business Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2005

By Audrey Samuel, Recording Secretary

Allen Kaus, president, called the business meeting of the Lone Star Corvette Club to order. The recording secretary was present. Mr. Kaus introduced the 2005 officers.

Minutes of the December 2004 business meeting were presented and approved as published in the January newsletter.

Mr. Kaus welcomed 9 new members and guests. Judy Garrett asked for a vote on the member applicants published in the past newsletter. All were approved. Judy announced club membership at 1072 members.

Tim Dowding presented the December 2004 Financial Statement, which was approved by the membership.

Allen Kaus adjourned the business meeting.

February Meeting

By: Rusty Taylor

Hello LSCC Members and Happy New Year!!!!

Well the New Year is off to a great start, and I hope everyone had a great holiday! The February meeting will be held at 21st Century Muscle Cars, located at 2530 Tarpley Rd, Suite #800 in Carrollton on Feb 5th, the 1ST SATURDAY. We are moving it due to Autorama the following weekend. John and Kerry will have a catered lunch and the cost will be \$10.00 a person. Lunch will be served 11:30AM and the meeting will start at 12:30PM. John also will have dyno pulls which will start at 9:30AM. He will do 15 on that Saturday. If you missed the sign up list, give him a call at 972-417-7177, and he will set you up with another time for your pull. Lets have a great turn out, and we'll see you there.

KhanaCross 2005

By Greg Hester

Race ya !

That's right, the season of the LSCC KhanaCross Championship Series is almost upon us. We will be having our first race in March at Cedar Valley College in Lancaster. At this time, we are firming up the Khana dates and I will publish the March date and the rest of the season's dates in the March Newsletter and on the web-site as soon as they are approved.

For those of you who have competed in the past, "let's get ready to rumble", for those of you new to the KhanaCross series, if you come to one race, you're hooked. The series will consist of 7 to 8 races this year (weather permitting)

The courses are set up in the parking lots at Cedar Valley College and are a perfect way to learn how your Corvette performs through the cones. This is a low-speed autocross and fun for beginners and veterans alike.

The cost for the races is \$15.00 per driver or \$25.00 per couple, with the money going to trophies and b-b-que at the race. That's it for now and I will give more details in the March newsletter and web-site. If you want to test you and you cars ability in a controlled closed course (no tickets), come on out.

Race Ya !

Greg Hester



Pete and Ol' Lobo

Fiction by Bob Smith

Author's note – Pete is a rancher living in Throckmorton County who always wanted a Corvette. Ol' Lobo who was by all accounts, a self-respecting coyote and Pete's fishing buddy (we will save that story that for another time). Ol' Lobo was usually by Pete's side discussing and cussing the day's excitement or lack of it, when he wasn't chasing jackrabbits. This short article is one of many of the adventures of Pete, Red, Lobo and their many friends.

Pete, riding Red, his roan horse and Ol' Lobo trotting next to him, were working the fence line on 283, just a few miles north and above the curves next to the Brazos River.

Ol' Lobo and Red heard it first. A snarling engine sound of something coming up the hill mighty fast.

"Don't sound like a freight truck", commented Lobo sitting on his haunches staring toward the sound.

Red, quickly looking around at the scruffy dog sitting next to him, said "Lobo, you don't know the difference between a tractor back fire and rooster crow!" That is one of those new race'n car's we seen on TV.

Lobo was about to say something tacky back to Red, when a deep blue Corvette screamed by and burned a little rubber as the driver hit third.

All three of them set there in awe of just what flashed in front of them. After awhile Pete finally exclaimed "I'm gonna get me one of those!" In the next heartbeat, Lobo said "Yea and I want to drive it!"

Pete couldn't believe what he just heard. "Lobo, don't even think about driving my car. You would drive it with your head out the window and your tongue flapping over your shoulder. Then next thing I'd know is you would drive off across some ranch chasing jackrabbits!"

"Yea, and you still couldn't catch them either," snorted Red.

"At least I could fit in it," said Lobo!

"Boys, boys, enough of that now, let's slip over to Graham and see what we can find at the dealership." So Pete, Red and Lobo squeezed into Pete's Ranger Pickup and headed to Graham and the dealership.

See Pete & Ol' Lobo on page 6

Drag Racing 2005

By Martha Kaus



So it's February, just how much do you think is really going on now! We had a race meeting scheduled for last Sunday, but it was cancelled. Now it is this Sunday, but that's too late for the newsletter deadline. At the December meeting, we semi firmed up a few dates: April 10th & Sept 16th at Ennis and June 5th at Thunder Valley. Check the calendar on the lonestarcorvette.com, I usually post everything as soon as I know. It might be there right now! We are going to race starting in March at Kennedale, we just don't know the date for sure.

Meanwhile, we all should think about getting our cars ready! Up to the oil change place (had to change places, the one I used to go to doesn't get the boards out anymore so that my car clears the center rails), check the air filter, get a new fuel filter (make sure you get a GOOD fuel filter! I bring my own), look at the tread on the tires (go ahead, give 'em a good kick!), check the tire pressure, gas her up, and give her a bath. We're ready! That's it. My poor daily driver is up to 87k miles, hopefully we will still run king class. Oh yeah, I almost forgot. Go out to the highway and practice getting on and off (as fast as you can!). Gotta clean out those jets and get that baby used to being stomped on again. I need to practice this a lot. I-20 is the perfect drag strip. This morning at 5:30, all those big, fast, bully (f) truckers try to make road kill out of us few cars. We can hardly keep up and out of their way (my speedometer said 80+, but it must of been wrong!p).

Now for our other car we race, it is currently DOA (dead on arrival), real——ly DOA!. The alternator and battery are gone! But, she's getting tender loving care as we speak and should be ok by March. TBD (to be determined) at a later date. Well, gotta go. I need to keep my jets cleaned out and get in some practice. See 'ya at the track!



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If you would like to help in any of the above areas or have ideas relating to that area, please contact the designated coordinator.

Your help and/or ideas are always welcome!

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Cara Reynolds
Paul & Cheryl Silver
Cliff & Mia Van Haren

We Welcome You !

NCM Notes

By Johnny Downs

Lone Star Weekend:

Plans are progressing for our trip to the National Corvette Museum in April. See details in a separate article and make your hotel reservations now.

During the weekend we will have a brick installation ceremony in front of the museum. A personalized brick is a great way to commemorate your trip and help our museum. Contact me for brick order forms. Thanks to the following who have ordered bricks to be installed in April.

Phil and Karen Pitalo
Bob and Lisa Paton
Terry and Judy Garrett
Ken and Jean Hill
Curtis and Sharon Troster

Memberships:

If you are going on the museum trip and are not a member of the NCM, now is the time to join so you can get a discount on souvenirs at the museum store.

In addition, I have NCM member and lifetime decals and patches. For as long as they last, I will give you a patch and decal when you turn in your membership application to me. Also, I have some nice gifts you can choose from, depending on the membership level. These include clocks, owner's manuals, and calendars.

As you should know, because of our lifetime club membership, LSCC members receive a 25% discount on individual and family NCM memberships. Until recently there was no discount on lifetime memberships. However, Stephanie Morrill agreed to a \$50.00 discount on lifetime memberships. How long this will last, I do not know. If you wait, you chance losing the discount opportunity.

So, join the museum at a discount, get a free decal, patch and gift and help YOUR museum

Flint Bricks:

I have tried to sell these for Christmas gifts and then for Valentine's gifts, with no luck, so this is the last time I will mention them. However, I will give \$25.00 each to the first two people that purchase one, just so I can say I sold a Flint brick (or two).

These bricks are from the original Corvette plant in Flint, Michigan which was recently torn down. The bricks have a commemorative plate with serial number of your choice (subject to availability) up to five digits. The price for specifically numbered bricks has been \$200.00, but it is now reduced to \$100.00 for NCM members only. With my \$25.00 offer your net cost is only \$75.00. I have

order forms.

Free Corvette Sales Brochures:

I still have a limited supply of new Corvette sales brochures from the museum. I have received a number of them. I will have them at the February meeting. If you purchase a membership, a brick or even a \$10.00 raffle ticket, you can pick up your choice of these highly collectible pieces of Corvette history. The available years are: '84, '86, '87, '90, '91 (red cover), '92, '98, and '99.

For more information on anything concerning NCM contact Johnny Downs, 903/564-3069, 214/340-6300, ediewoww@aol.com, or Steve Jones, 972/317-2444.

On The Road

By Johnny Downs

**LSCC Corvette Weekend
National Corvette Museum
Bowling Green, Kentucky
April 28 – May 1**

At the January meeting we almost reached FIFTY cars on the list to make this trip. Do not miss this once in a decade (or less) opportunity.

Because of the potentially large number of participants, our choices were limited to the larger hotels. We have made an agreement with the Holiday Inn – University Plaza in Bowling Green to block rooms for our event. It is a very nice hotel with full restaurant and bar. A number of excellent restaurants are also nearby. They are setting up a car wash area and special parking for us. The room rate is \$99.00. We also blocked a few suites at \$129.00. To make reservations call 270/745-0088 or 800/HOLIDAY. Request reservations for April 28, 29 and 30 in the block listed LONE STAR CORVETTE CLUB. Reservations must be guaranteed by credit card and must be made before March 29th. I was able to block 60 rooms, but we already need at least 45, so it would be best to make your reservations now. On January 10, I found a limited number of rooms available on the Holiday Inn website at a lower rate than our block. They seem to be taken now, but you are welcome to check Holidayinn.com.

Plans to this point are as follows: We will travel to Bowling Green, Kentucky on Thursday, April 28th. Friday morning a tour, or tours of the plant will be conducted by the museum personnel that give the museum delivery tours. These guides are much more knowledgeable than the students that give the public tours. Depending on timing of the plant tours, Friday afternoon will be lunch with a road tour or a road tour with dinner. The tour will be over scenic back roads of Kentucky to historic locales.

On The Road

(Continued from previous page)

Saturday morning will begin with private tours of the National Corvette Museum, including non-public areas where many unusual Corvettes are stored when not on display. After the tour we will have a brick laying ceremony at the front of the museum. Anyone who purchases a brick between now and March can have it installed as we watch on Saturday.

The activities will culminate with a barbeque dinner hosted by museum executive director Wendell Strode. It will be held at his country home, which was built in 1869.

We may try to squeeze in one more optional activity on Saturday. Suggestions are welcome. We will depart for Texas Sunday morning. I will have caravan details next month.

Help us make this the best trip in LSCC history. Join us for one of the most fun events we've done. For information, suggestions, or to indicate your interest in participating, contact Johnny Downs, office 214/340-6300, home 903/564-3069, or e-mail ediewoww@aol.com.

Corvette/Chevy Expo Houston, Texas February 25 – 27

This is the largest indoor Chevy event in Texas, lots of cars and lots of cool parts and accessories. For the last few years we have had an LSCC display. If you are interested in entering your car as a part of our club display, please contact me by February 10th. Those who display their cars will caravan on Friday. For those just wanting to check out the cars and other neat stuff, we can caravan on Saturday morning if there is interest. Let me know. The motel of choice for this event is the Four Points Sheraton (formerly Club Hotel by Doubletree) 713/942-2111.

Fort Worth Rod & Custom Show Will Rogers Exhibit Building Fort Worth, Texas March 4 – 6

This is not really on the road, but it is a great show. We will have an LSCC display with six of our cars, so you need to go check them out and lend support

In addition to our Corvettes there are always some great custom and restored cars, plus this year motorcycles have been added. The show hours are Friday 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To reach the show take I-30 to Exit 11, Montgomery Street, in Fort Worth. Go north on Montgomery about 12 blocks, to Burnet-Tandy, Will Rogers Exhibit Hall to the right.

Texas Corvette/Chevrolet Show Killeen, Texas March 12

The third year for this event should be their best yet. Two years ago LSCC sent a large contingent and were subjected to a number of problems with the event and site. Consequently, very few returned last year. However, reports were that most negatives had been addressed, resulting in a great event. In addition to Corvettes, this year's show will feature Chevys and pre-'48 street rods. Fifties music, barbeque, door prizes, raffles and vendors add to the equipment. The event opens at noon and ends at 6:00 p.m.

If you want to be a participant, you probably need to be on site no later than 10:00 a.m. Information and entry forms are at www.midtexcorvette.com. Let me know if you are interested in caravanning. If there is interest, we will form one.

Hot Springs Corvette Weekend Hot Springs, Arkansas April 22 – 24

Historically second only to Eureka Springs in terms of LSCC participation, this event gets better every year. Awesome location, cruise, show and road tour make this one of the best Corvette events anywhere. Make your reservation now. The hotel adjacent to the show always sells out. It is the Austin Hotel, 877/623-6694.

Vettes on the Rockies Breckenridge, Colorado July 28 – 31

Several members have asked if we are planning a trip to Colorado again this year. The answer is maybe. It's up to you. If we have interest and a volunteer to lead the trip, we will go.

If you have not been, this trip is a must. Beautiful weather, beautiful scenery and beautiful Corvettes. What could be better than winding mountain roads and 70 degree temperatures in August.

If you might want to participate in this great event, I suggest you go ahead and make hotel reservations. The host hotel is the Beaver Run Resort 800/525-2253 or www.beaverrun.com. I will have registration brochures in March, or you can go to www.LGCACorvette.org for details.

For information or to sign up for any event, contact Johnny Downs, 214/340-6300 office, 903/564-3069 home, or ediewoww@aol.com.

February Birthdays

Tim Holt 1
Mike Betts 2
Judy Mathews 2
Michelle Perry 2
Scott Salzman 2
Harry Bosma 3
Lane Crabtree 3
Mike Dale 3
David Davis 3
Barbara Plasterer 3
Fred Wagner 3
Peggy Dolan 4
Doug Drais 4
Lawrence Wood 4
Susan Rudman 5
Jay Weidner 5
Gary Broyles 6
Tammy Hall 6
Bonnie Cathey 7
James Anton 8
Louis Opipear 8
Robert Lewis 9
John Newlun 9
Chip Rogan 9
Rusty Taylor 10
Joe Veltri 10
Sandy Johnson 11
Lillian McNabb 11
Brad Neinast 11
Patricia Chandler 12
Susan Brummett Smith 12
Cindie Burkel 13
Bud Henry 13
Jim Dolan 14
Troy Turner 14
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Clarence Clarkson 15
Rosie Bruns 16
Michael Duck 16
Randy Hawkins 16
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Barbara Corder 17
John Masin 17
Pat Tissing 17
Pat Branaugh 18
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Butch Haberman 18
Jan Haberman 18
Lajuana Anton 19
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Diane Simpson 19
John Gibson 20
Janet Hargrave 20
Robert Holt 20
Rosi Nicholas 20
Pam Trone 20
John Main 21
Robert McGowan 21
Shanna Neinast 21
William Roland 21
J.D. Chandler 22
Allen Falk 22
Todd Freimiller 22
Nancy Hester 22
Terri McCormack 23
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As usual, several salesmen were lurking near the front door in hopes of grabbing a customer before the feeding frenzy began.

"Would you look at that" some of the salesman muttered as Pete and the boys drove up. Pete, upon Lobo's promise to not chase jackrabbits, allowed Lobo to drive which made it an unusual sight for the ordinary gent.

The sales manager was about to tell Pete that he couldn't bring a horse and coyote into the showroom when Red sorta blew by him and went straight to the shiny new Corvette sitting there. Lobo was sniffing at the tires and looked up to see Pete shaking his head at him. Lobo

gave a sorta silly grin (for a coyote anyway) and walked around to the drivers side and was about to jump in when the sale manager came over waving his arms and stammering for words.

Pete said "If you can show me how I can haul a little hay in that car, I will take it". Red was thinking, "for a rancher, you are a smooth talking dude as you got the sales manager to let us stay here and stop waving his arms.

Looking at Pete, the sales manger saw a cowboy with worn down heels on his scratched up and weary looking boots, faded blue denim shirt and jeans and hat that looked like when the coyote had not been laying on it, he had been chewing on it. Thinking he had a live one,

he said with a big toothy smile "Ok, all you have to do is let the top down and you can put your hay in the front seat and behind the driver and passenger or you can put a trailer hitch on it and pull what ever you want" and Pete gave him a check that actually cleared the bank.

Great barked Lobo and I'll drive it to the ranch!

"Not by a long sight", Pete snorted. "You and Red take the truck and I'll follow you home. No racing now ... By the way, watch out for Barney, the Highway Patrolman out of Throckmorton as he might not take it too kindly if he sees you driving. Drive the speed limit. Be sure to put on my hat and dark glasses and buckle up.

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Order LSCC Merchandise by Mail



LSCC Club Shirt
Short sleeved
S, M, L, XL, XXL
A. Polo \$30



LSCC Jacket
S, M, L, XL, XXL
C. \$55



LSCC 20th Anniversary
red denim shirt
S, M, L, XL, XXL
D. \$35



LSCC Denim Shirt
S, M, L, XL, XXL
E.S.L. Sleeveless \$30
E.S.S. Short Sleeves \$31
E.L.S. Long Sleeves \$32



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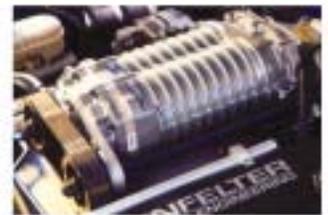
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The Open Road Racing Team has scheduled a practice session/seminar for Feb. 26 in Colleyville. The actual race will be held April 23. While geared to participants, this seminar will provide an excellent opportunity for those who want to find out more about open road racing to get an "insider's" view of racing as well as meet some of the people involved. Even if your just curious feel free to hang out with us and find out more about what it's like to do an open road race. Also, don't worry about speed! People who run 85 have as much fun as those who run 125. It's all about being a part of this crazy thing we do - open road racing. Note: practice here is of the pencil and paper variety - no actual driving.

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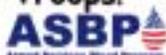
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He may not even notice you. Red, don't you be drinking any beer on the way either! Last time you left a beer bottle trail all the way to the ranch!"

Both Red and Lobo promised. But, Pete was worried about that twinkle in Lobo's eye as he walked to the shiny new 6 speed 'Vette.

With more than half of the dealership watching, Pete, killing the engine and grinding the gears a few times until he got the hang of it, headed out in his new Vette following Red and Lobo back to the ranch in the Ranger.

Well as you know, it is shorter to get to the ranch to go the back roads through Woodson then drive on 380 to Throckmorton then go to the ranch, so Pete followed the old Ranger with Lobo driving. It was all Red could do to get into the Ranger with his head hanging way out of the passenger window. Lying in there like that made it more the trouble for Red to hold on to a trusty bottle of his favorite brew and have a gentleman's nip now and then.

Now take a minute and picture the scene. Here is Lobo barely able to see over the steering wheel appearing to have a 10 gallon hat on and Pete's sun glasses. On the other side was a horse almost hang'n out with a brew in his hand, err paw ... hoof .. Whatever!!!

Well the trip through Woodson was pretty eventful if you forget about the lady driving into the grocery store when was she spooked from seeing the Coyote driving the pickup with an ill fitted horse hanging out of the window. Lobo, of course, was looking at a jackrabbit on the Cotton Gin yard and had other ideas other than stopping at the stop sign. That accident wasn't so bad unless you consider the antique store was part of the grocery.

Well life goes on

Pete, following behind, saw the whole thing and shoved the gears down a notch or two and burned out around the Ranger and Lobo, getting out of Woodson as fast as he could. He, too, had other things on his mind at the moment and blasted right past the Stop sign. Now as you all know a double wrong don't make a right.

So here we have two friends, both worried about what chain of events they may have started in Woodson, trying to get as far away from the town as fast as possible before the cops showed up.

Lobo, following Pete on a "S" curve back to the ranch and almost lost it because Red was a little too heavy for the right side of the truck causing a considerable sag to the right. Ten or so miles down the road, Pete let Lobo take the lead again. Pete had never felt the power of a Corvette before and tire burning power brought the "kid" back into him.

They were nearing the intersection of 183 and 209, and Pete could see a long way ahead, so he shoved the gears down and tromped on the pedal. Well, it was a scary sight as Pete spun and fishtailed from the left side of the road back to the right and finally passing Lobo without hitting him, continued fishtailing up the road. Pete's whole life passed in front of him as he tried to keep the Vette on the road. Almost frozen to the wheel, he forgot all about getting his foot off of the accelerator and learned a new way to grip the seat!

Lobo, with his head hanging out of the window, had a huge grin on his muzzle as he watched the site. Red thought it was a great show and he waved his beer in the air cheering Pete on. Pete finally pulled over about a mile ahead of the Ranger and its unique occupants.

As fate would have it, Barney, the fastest ticket writer in the West, happened on to the road and saw a Ranger pickup leaning heavily to the right driven by Coyote with a horse as a passenger waving a beer bottle at the car in front. "This is too good to be true", thought Barney. "Here we have a possible DUI, an over loaded vehicle driven by unlicensed Coyote (person). Heck, with three tickets, the DPS might give him another bullet to put in his six shooter and then he would have two. The reckless driver in front, driving the Vette would make four tickets and may be, just may be they would give him one more bullet and he would have three!

With both vehicles stopped, Barney got out, hitched up his pants and sauntered over to the Ranger. Peering in he saw a coyote wearing a "10 gallon" hat that only allowed his eyes to be seen, calmly looking at him with a huge grin. The trucks floorboard was full of empty beer bottles.

Pete worried what was going to happen, gets out and went up to the scene. Lobo, looking as if he didn't have a care in the world, gave Barney a wet lick on the face and jumped out. "This was too much," Barney thought. "I had better call this in and get direction on what to do next as I have never given a ticket to a Coyote before."

While Barney was walking back to his cruiser, Lobo just couldn't stand it any more and jumped in the Vette and burned out just like Pete had done earlier. "Lobo, you sorry chicken-stealing, rabbit-chasing coyote you stop that car now!" Pete yelled. Too late as Lobo was having a field day driving a car that was fast enough to catch any jackrabbit, as long as the rabbit didn't turn too quick. Lobo was thinking that because of the Vette's shape, it probably will slip right between the strands of barbed wire and a jackrabbit would not have a chance.. heck, it may even float if I come to a tank.

Excitedly, Barney, jumped out of his car and then back into it and out again, wasn't sure as just what to do as the driver of the truck who he was going to give the three tickets took off in the Vette that he was also going to give a ticket. There went

his second and maybe his third bullet he was wanting. Finally, he jumped into his car, turned on his red light and chased after 'ol Lobo.

Well, every rancher knows that if a coyote doesn't want to be caught, old Barney would have a hard time doing it. Lobo headed straight across hiway 283 at about 100 mile per hour and hit the dirt road in a massive cloud of dust. Lobo was beside himself howling "Arroooooooooo! Yip, yip yaaoooooooo!"

Pete was thinking he was going to french fry that durn coyote if ever got his hands on him. But, right now, he better take advantage of the opportunity and quickly get to the ranch before Barney came back. so he opened the door, pushed over the beer bottles along with Red's feet the best he could and headed to the ranch as fast as it was safe to drive a lop-sided Ranger truck.

In the meanwhile, Barney not knowing of the "T" in the road was coming up and couldn't see it because of the dust in the air learned fairly quickly, that a cruiser would float ... for a little while.

I do not know what is madder, a wet hen or a wet Barney. Frankly, I am not going to ask either...

The moral to this story, if there is one, don't teach a Coyote to drive and keep your private brew stored somewhere other than the horse barn and you will not have this trouble.

— Bob Smith.

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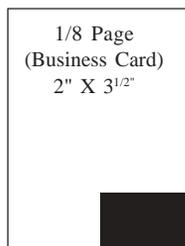
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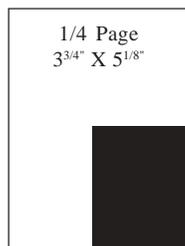
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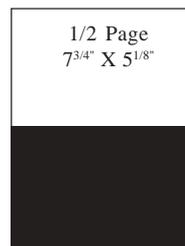
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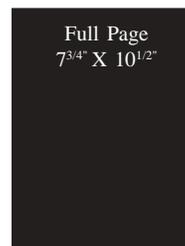
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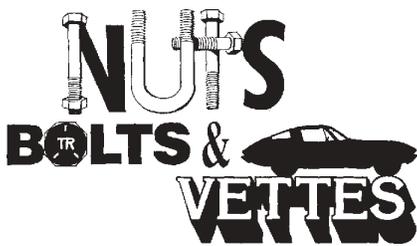


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