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H A P P Y N E W Y E A R

# Candid Comments from the Producer



## Happy New Year!

Here we are at another new year. If you are at least one year old, you've had a few of these before. So, I'm not going to go through the usual trash people go through this time of year of "things to do different", "new things to do", "things to stop doing", etc. You know, the usual "I resolve to..." resolutions that NEVER last very long, let alone the whole year! So, there.

Here is my December 2016 issue packed with more awesome stuff! A large chunk of this journal includes a "year in review" by each month of things relating to me over the past year. I also include some feature stories and a lot of really random stuff. Of course, that's how my journals stay interesting!

I decided that I am changing up the publishing structure of these journals. As you have been able to tell, this past year has proven that I just have not quite been able to keep up with these journals in any kind of monthly or even seasonally schedule. Of course, if you were to look historically at my issues the 1980s and 1990s, they were not made in any kind of rigid schedule. Some were even only once a year.

So rather than put unnecessary pressure on myself to publish these journals in some sort of rigid schedule, I will instead publish them as I get each one made. This will be a much better solution. And since this is a fully electronic format, who cares about trying to get it out once a month! Now that does make it rather unpredictable as to when the issues will come out. I am still figuring to keep within a month to two month range of publishing, but instead of labeling the issues by month, I'll simply put the date the issue is published, much like how a blog site does it. Likewise, I'll label the issues the same way on the archive webpage.

Well, after a very contentious year, particularly because it was an election year, the election is over and half the country is sulking. This does sort of remind me of how it was 8 years ago, but in reverse! In any case, we knew that whatever the outcome was of this election, nearly half of the population was not going to like the result. And that's okay. But sadly, many reacted in the worst way possible only furthering the divide within the population. The

hope we need now is first to cool off (and the holidays did help a little as well as literal cold weather!) and to keep a proper perspective. A president can only be in office for a total of 8 years. If you do not like the elected candidate, don't make the country go down in flames just because of your disapproval! I've heard it described that having that attitude is like wanting to crash the plane that everyone is riding just because you don't like the pilot!

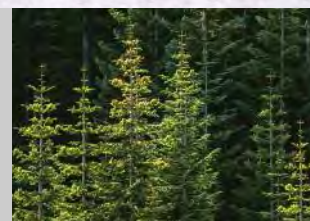
The last quarter of this year was different from the rest of the year. That difference was specifically because of a particular job. When I moved back to Lubbock in November 2015, I had a job ready for me to start. Until January 2016, that job was just contract based. As of January 4, I was officially hired as an actual employee. Going into the job, I had high hopes of potential future growth with the company. But as the months continued, that hope got darker and darker and gloomier and gloomier because of circumstances and situations that were completely out of my control. After some more time passing, that dissatisfaction (in both directions) finally came to a head, and I no longer continued working for that company as of September 29, 2016. I felt like a giant weight was lifted off of me!! (And still do!) Most of the year in that job was the worst, frustrating experience that I ever had in a job, and I will never willingly put myself in a situation like that again! Finally separating from that job was the best thing that could ever happen to me in 2016! Since then, I have done various miscellaneous things and have been on an active job search for new employment, including interviews. With 2017 being a year for good changes, I am more hopeful right now than I have ever been in many, many years!

I have a bunch of material stocked up for future issues and look forward to putting the issues together, including a remnant issue (an issue containing all of the misc material I could not include over the last five years). As always, if you have any ideas of things you'd like to see me include, simply email me: [rgdestolfe@yahoo.com](mailto:rgdestolfe@yahoo.com).

Enjoy and Happy New Year!

## On the Cover

Something as simple looking as a spruce tree helps make it seem like Christmas! These trees live year round and are often in higher elevation, mountainous climates.



# Word for Life

## Treat Others The Way You Want To Be Treated

*I posted something for the first time on a Facebook group called Western Faithbook\* just after Christmas, partly as a reaction to something I saw just before Christmas. Here is the whole post.*

This is the first time I've written on this page, even though I've subscribed to it since nearly when it started. A few days ago, I was looking through the Facebook feed sorting through the trash from the human posts and came across this one video a pastor posted about a really sad situation (and about a completely different discussion topic). Feeling a little crummy about the truth of it, I scrolled down to another post with a video, a commercial really, that stated it was a very happy video to see about Christmastime. The commercial was very well made about a train ride in Canada, I think, and a conductor and a story about passengers missing Christmas. Well, the commercial did have a very happy, human interest style ending, but I had a very different and unexpected reaction to it!

For probably 15 minutes, I had to get away from the computer and wept uncontrollably for no clear reason! It wasn't that the first video

or the commercial were so sad that I reacted to them, it was clearly something else entirely. What I do know is that sometimes in life, other people and even other Christians can blindly and coldly beat you down without second thought and even with them thinking that you did them wrong! I know that too many times in my life, I have had pressure and accusations of perceived wrong doing when I was not in the wrong, times when others harshly and sharply criticized or blamed me because I did not meet THEIR standards. Folks, we must start treating other people better! And the way to do that is to look at ourselves first and evaluate how we can treat others with kindness, understanding, and integrity, instead of with rudeness, expectations, and contempt! It comes down to a heart issue within a person, not what someone did or said. Not everyone thinks they're wrong and not everyone will change just because someone suggest it, but we are accountable only for our own actions, good or bad and even for our inaction, not others. We cannot control what other people do or say, but we always have the right to how we react to it and how we treat others.



Western Faithbook is a Facebook group (of literally thousands of other Facebook groups that exist) started by Kris Wilson (shown on the right of this circa 2004? photo, and me on the left). In the mid 2000s, he was a professor in the Animal Science department of Texas Tech University. While at Tech, he also started the first Ranch Horse Team at Tech and was coach of it. He went to my church and even taught the college Bible study (with most of them being cowboys and cowgirls who were also students). While in Lubbock, he got married. Later, they moved from Lubbock, and he started working for the Matador Ranch. After a time, they moved again, and he started working as General Manager for the Bell Ranch in New Mexico. (There's a lot more to all of this. I'm just giving some basic info.) At some point while there, he got some rare form of cancer that literally was eating him up. Besides starting the Facebook group, he also wrote a book called *I'll Drop You Off: A 40-Day Devotional for Cowboys* published in July 2016. Sadly, he died on September 9, 2016.



### Luke 6:31

*New King James Version*—"And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise."

*Amplified Bible*—"Treat others the same way you want them to treat you."

*English Standard Version*—"And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them."

*New Living Translation*—"Do to others as you would like them to do to you."

*The Message*—"Ask yourself what you want people to do for you; then grab the initiative and do it for them!"

# Saddle Break Notes

## Happy New Year!

If you texted Happy New Year a week ago, your text showed fireworks in the background! This is a feature that started with iOS 10 and will only work with Apple products. Other options include balloons, lasers, confetti, floating heart, shooting star, shooting sparkles. Go to this page to learn more about how to do it:

<http://appleinsider.com/articles/16/10/04/how-to-send-messages-on-your-iphone-with-fireworks-balloons-and-other-screen-flair-in-apples-ios-10>



### It's the First Day of Winter!

We hope you have many cozy moments to look forward to this season.

Share

## Windy Holidays

Between Thanksgiving and New Years, Lubbock had a few windy days. Like anytime West Texas has very windy days, the tumbleweeds just go out rolling! This tumbleweed got caught in the covered parking post at my apartment. For a tumbleweed this size to be at my apartment complex, it had to roll from several miles away from where they grow. (And yes, it is a green plant growing in soil before it dries and breaks off to start rolling.) After the really windy days, my church will sometimes ask the members for help to remove them out of the fences! (They can be a fire hazard.)



## Prickly Pear

This is a spineless prickly pear located among the bronze steers at the National Ranching Heritage Center. Photo from the summer.



# Saddle Break Notes

January 1, 2017

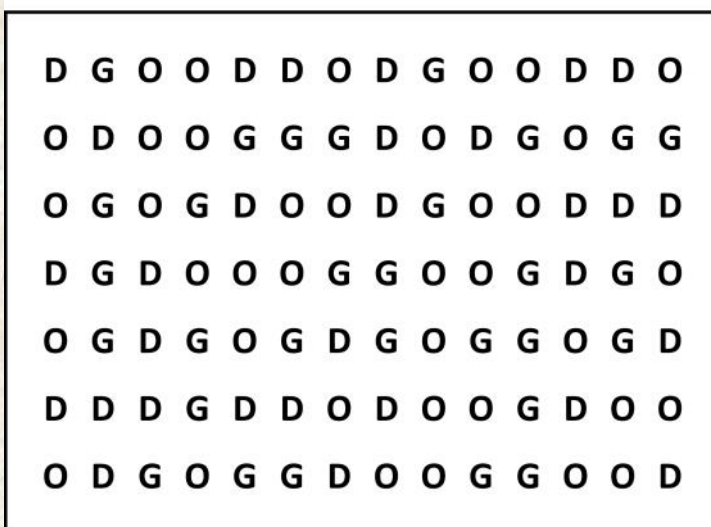
This is a test to see if I can remember how to do cursive writing. Even as a kid, I hated cursive! And frankly, I still hate cursive! I never use it except for signatures and don't plan to!

R. L.

## Word Search

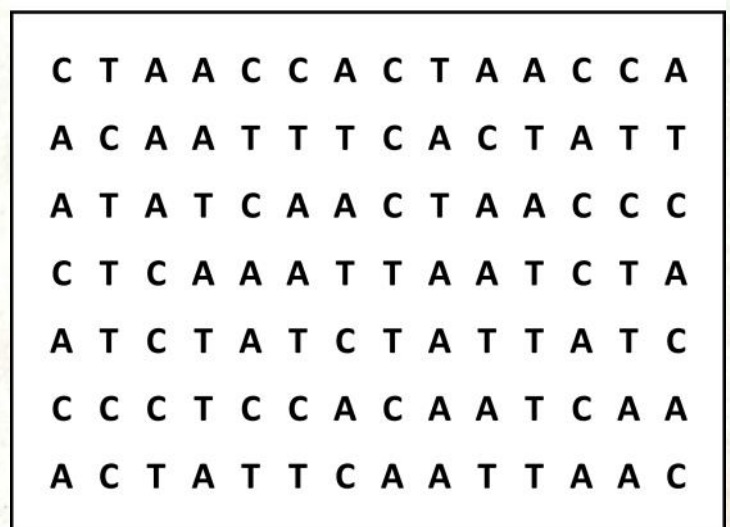
For each of these puzzles, simply find the words shown below each puzzle. [www.sungress.com/theyre-calling-worlds-hardest-word-search-can-find-hidden-dog](http://www.sungress.com/theyre-calling-worlds-hardest-word-search-can-find-hidden-dog)

### Dog Search



DOG

### Cat Search



CAT

# History Retold

## John Burwell Omohundro Jr (Texas Jack)

Texas Jack, who was born John Burwell Omohundro Jr, was a frontier scout, actor, and cowboy. He born on July 26, 1846 to JB and Catherine (Baker) Omohundro at Pleasure Hill near Palmyra, Virginia, the fourth of twelve children. He received some formal elementary education. In his early teens, he left home, made his way alone to Texas, and became a skilled cowboy. Unable to join the Confederate Army in 1861 because of his youth, he nevertheless entered Confederate service as a courier and scout. In 1864, he enlisted in General JEB Stuart's command as a runner, scout, and spy.

After the Civil War, he spent several months in Florida and worked briefly as a teacher. In 1866, Omohundro resumed his life as a Texas cowboy. He participated in several early cattle drives, including a drive across Arkansas to meat-short Tennessee. Grateful citizens of Tennessee nicknamed him "Texas Jack". On one of his drives, he rescued a small boy whose parents had been killed in an Indian raid. The boy took the name Texas Jack Jr and went on to lead Texas Jack's Wild West Show and Circus in 1903. Omohundro probably served for a time as a Texas Ranger.

In 1869, he moved to Cottonwood Springs, Nebraska near Fort McPherson and became a scout and buffalo hunter. Here, he met Buffalo Bill Cody. Together they participated in Indian

skirmishes and buffalo hunts, including acting as guides in the royal hunt of 1872, a highly publicized excursion with Russian grand duke Alexis and a group of prominent American military figures. Omohundro and Cody traveled to Chicago in December 1872 to debut in *The Scouts of the Prairie*, one of the original Wild West shows. Critics described him as physically impressive and magnetic in personality. He was credited with introducing roping acts to the American stage.

During the 1870s, Texas Jack divided his time between the Eastern stage circuit and the hunting ranges of the Great Plains. He guided hunting parties that included European nobility. He headed his own acting troupe in St. Louis in 1877. That year, he also wrote articles about his hunting experiences, published in the *Spirit of the Times*, a popular magazine. The Texas Jack legend grew in many dime novels, particularly those written by Colonial Prentiss Ingraham. In 1900, Joel Chandler Harris featured Texas Jack in a series of fictional accounts of the Confederacy for the *Saturday Evening Post*. Thereafter, the legend faded. On August 31, 1873, Omohundro married Giuseppina Morlacchi, a dancer-actress from Milan, Italy who starred with him in the *Scouts of the Prairie* and other shows. Texas Jack died on June 28, 1880 of pneumonia, in Leadville, Colorado and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery there.



*Buffalo Bill Cody, along with John M. Burke and Johnny Baker, paid for the grave marker of Texas Jack.*

*Buffalo Bill Cody, Ned Buntline, and Texas Jack Omahundro in New York City, 1872.*

# History Retold

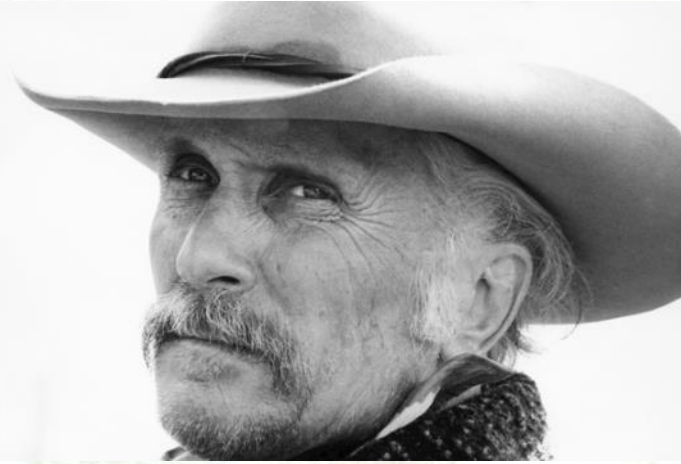
## John Burwell Omohundro Jr (Texas Jack)



*John Burwell Omohundro Jr "Texas Jack" is buried in the Evergreen Cemetery, protestant section, in Leadville, Colorado.*

# Top 5 Cattle Drive Movies

## 1. LONESOME DOVE (1989-1990):



Though technically a TV mini-series, there was no way we were going to leave Lonesome Dove off this list. The Western epic follows the Hat Creek outfit—led by ex-Texas Rangers Woodrow Call and Augustus McCrae—on one last great adventure, driving cattle from Texas to Montana. The story of friendship, values, and a fading way of life was a favorite with audiences and critics; the series won seven Emmys and breathed new life into the Western genre.

## 2. THE COWBOYS (1972):



When his crew abandons him for the gold fields, rancher Wil Andersen (John Wayne), is forced to take on a group of young boys to drive his herd to market. Under Andersen's guidance, the motley group of youngsters learns what it means to do a man's job, especially once confronted with the cattle thieves that have been trailing them. This coming-of-age story is wonderfully scripted, the cinematography is stunning, and Wayne gives one of the best performances of his career.

I've seen 3 of these 5. I'll let you guess which ones.

## 3. RED RIVER (1948):

John Wayne plays the tyrannical Thomas Dunson, who will complete his cattle drive whatever the cost, even if it means killing his adopted son, played by Montgomery Clift. The Indian attacks, gunfights, stampedes, and frontier vistas make Red River a great Western. The deft portrayals of complicated characters with challenging relationships make it a great movie.



## 4. THE CULPEPPER CATTLE COMPANY (1972):

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This often overlooked Western follows greenhorn Ben Mockridge (Gary Grimes) on his first cattle drive, led by tough trailboss Frank Culpepper (Billy Green Bush). It's an unflinching portrait of how bleak life could be in the West—the film is gritty, violent, and rough, with blurry boundaries between the white hats and bad guys.



## 5. CITY SLICKERS (1991):

Mitch (Billy Crystal) and his friends are having a mid-life crisis. They decide the best antidote is to go on a Wild West cattle drive adventure under the guidance of cowboy Curly (Jack Palance). Outlandish hijinks and mishaps ensue in this Western comedy that is equal parts hilarious, thoughtful, and inspiring.

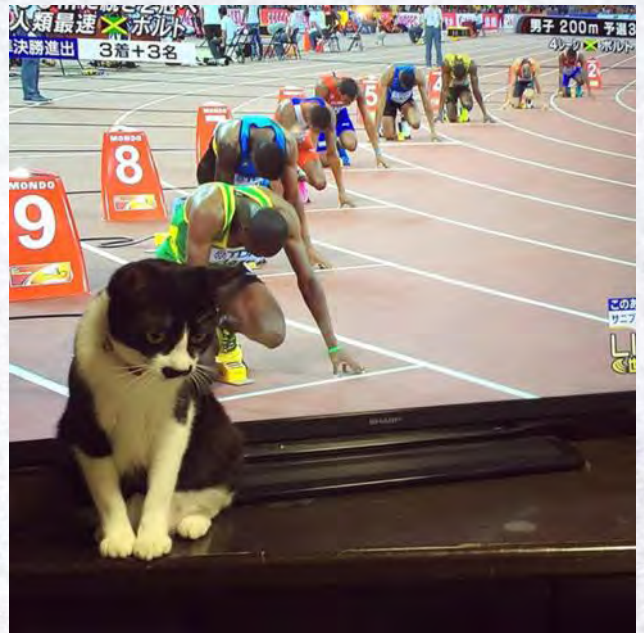


## More Perfectly Timed Cat Pics

If you spend enough time on the internet and especially on Facebook, you undoubtedly have come across all sorts of mini stories with photos that you have to click page by page to view. In addition, a large majority of those posts are of animals and especially cats. Here is a selection of so called "perfectly timed" photos involving cats. Enjoy!

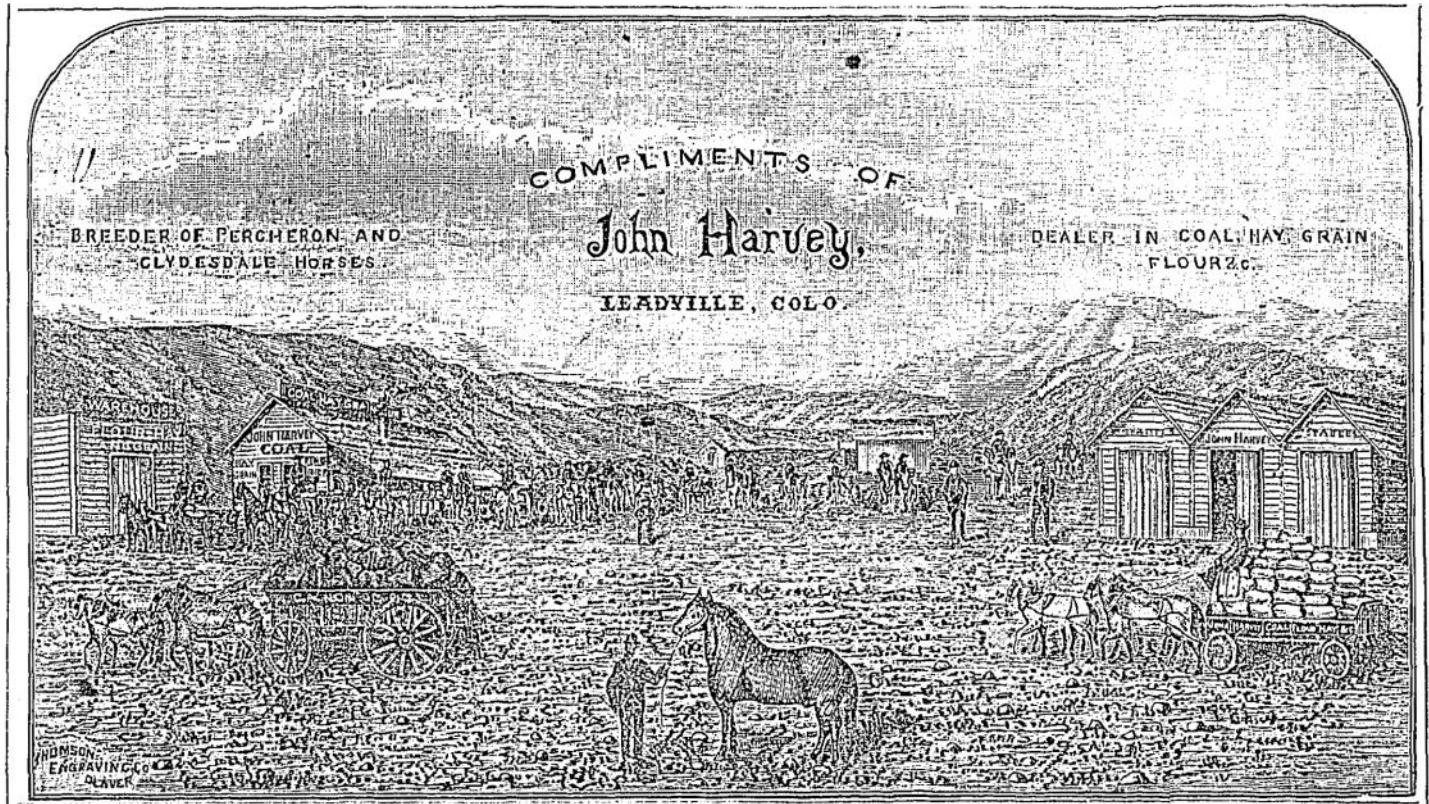
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# Historical Archives

*The Herald Democrat [Leadville, Colorado], January 1, 1886\*, Page 7.*



*\*This was the very first issue of the combined newspapers merged as The Herald Democrat.*

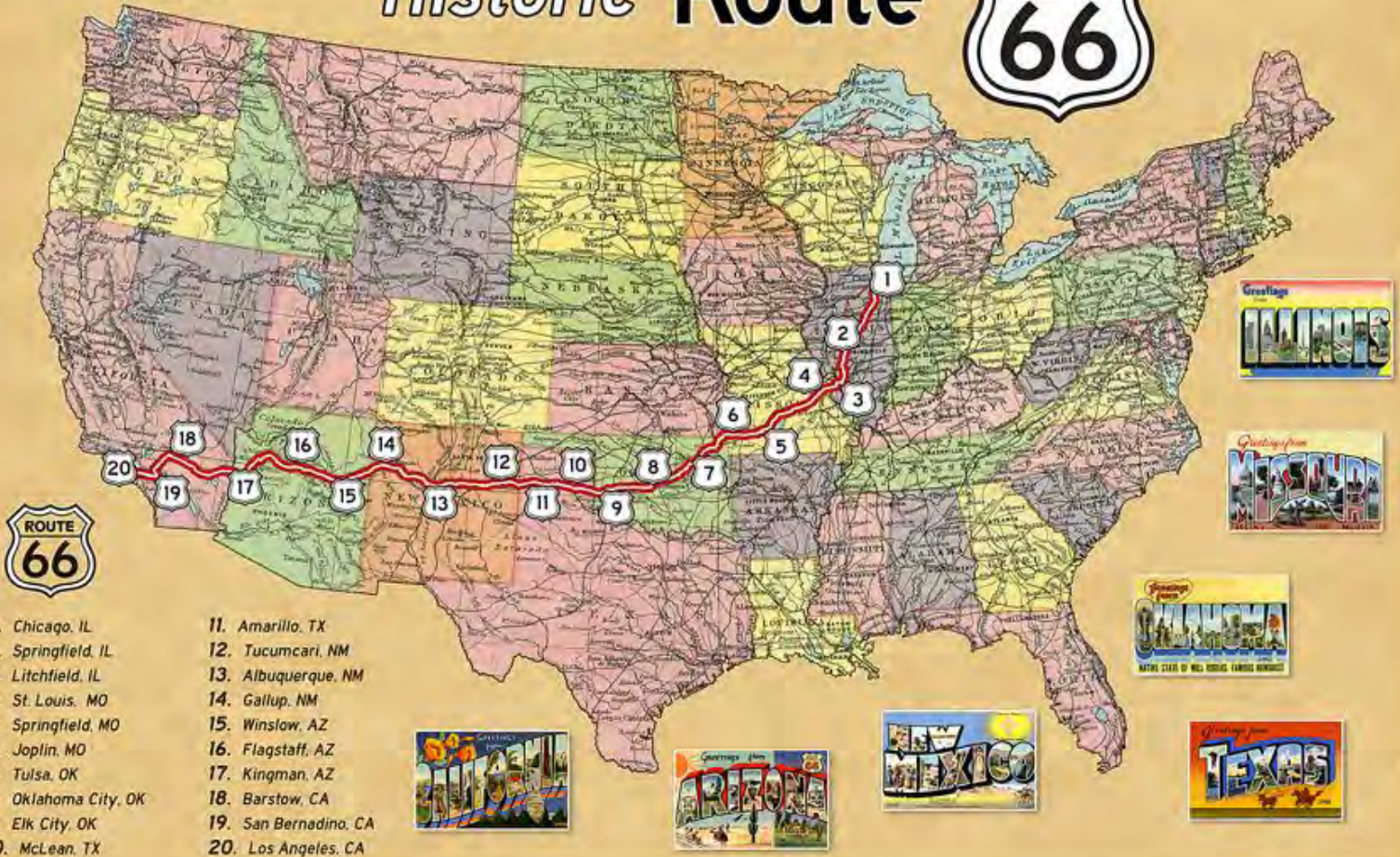
*Carbonate Chronicle [Leadville, Colorado],  
January 15, 1900, page 8 and page 3.*



THE "WELSH BARBER" MERCHANT, HAS RE-ENTERED THE BICYCLE WORLD TO REGAIN HIS SPEED.

The Mother Road...  
Est. 1926

# Historic Route



- 1. Chicago, IL
- 2. Springfield, IL
- 3. Litchfield, IL
- 4. St. Louis, MO
- 5. Springfield, MO
- 6. Joplin, MO
- 7. Tulsa, OK
- 8. Oklahoma City, OK
- 9. Elk City, OK
- 10. McLean, TX
- 11. Amarillo, TX
- 12. Tucumcari, NM
- 13. Albuquerque, NM
- 14. Gallup, NM
- 15. Winslow, AZ
- 16. Flagstaff, AZ
- 17. Kingman, AZ
- 18. Barstow, CA
- 19. San Bernardino, CA
- 20. Los Angeles, CA

## Get Your Kicks on Route 66 (Part 1)

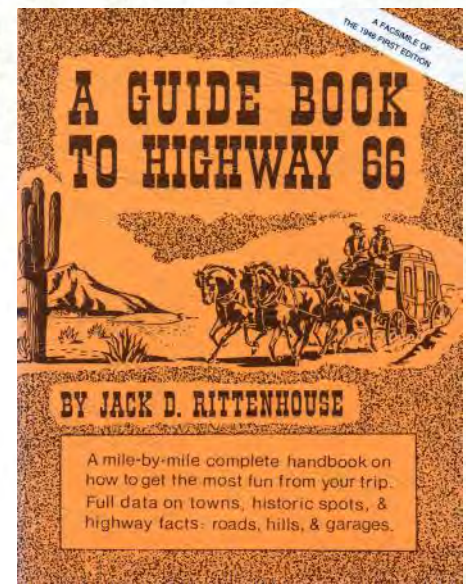
The so called "Mother Road" is Route 66 that went from the center of Chicago to the Pacific Ocean in Santa Monica. Established in 1926, Route 66 was an early road that crossed the country during the age when automobiles became a standard means of travel after the first Model T auto came out of the factory in 1908. Since then, many did not look back to any other earlier means of transportation. Because the automobile had much less maintenance than horse based transportation (according to some, anyway) and was much faster, people had more freedom to travel, and indeed it was a common pastime. In 1946, John Rittenhouse wrote a book, *A Guide Book to Highway 66*, to give travelers a nearly mile by mile account of the entire length of the road! That's almost 2300 miles of guides for gas, lodging, food, sights, town information, road conditions, and preparations for the trip.

In this multi part series, I will cover parts of the book that include Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona, mostly because those are the parts that I would personally be more familiar with. Unfortunately, I will not personally have very many relevant photos. So, I'll need to extract them from the web for the highlights that I'll cover. I'll do this in a historical context as of 1946 or earlier whenever possible.

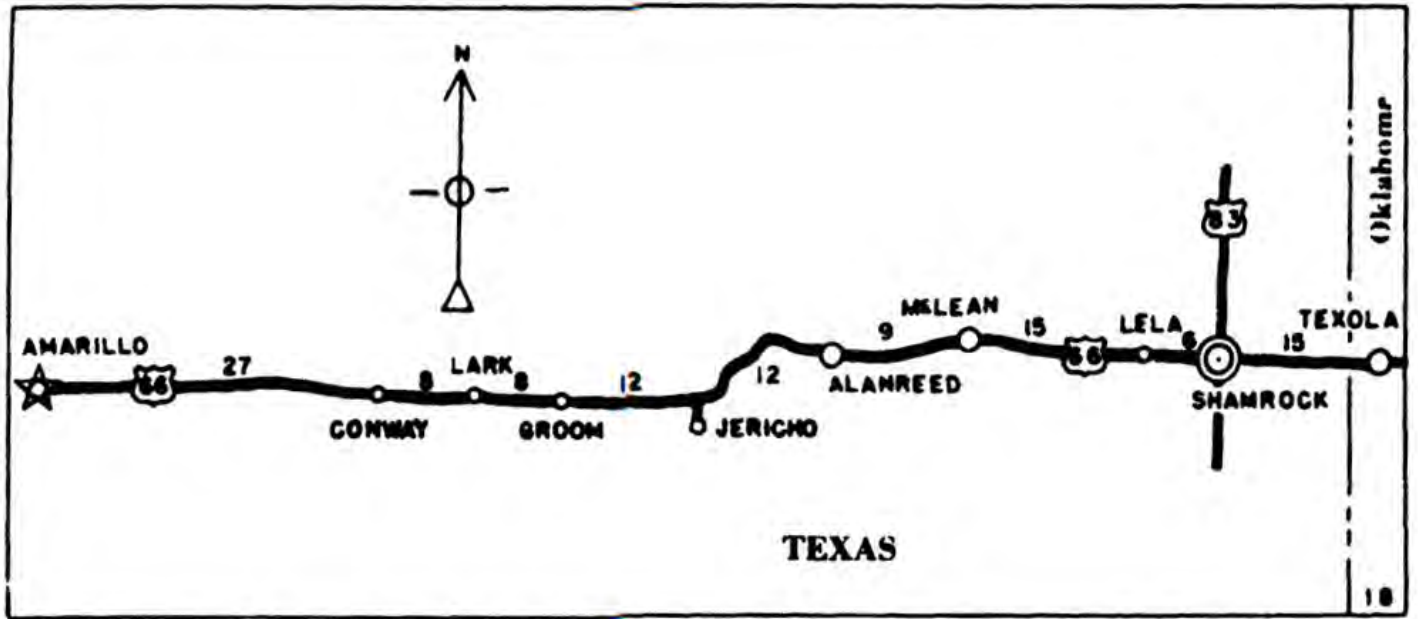
The first section will be within Texas. By the time you get to Texas on Route 66 from Chicago, you would be nearly halfway done with the route. The first half goes through Illinois, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Most of the route through Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California basically coincides with modern day I-40.

An interesting note about the quality of Texas roads is this quote for coming out of Oklahoma, "At once the road improves..." and "Texas has wide, splendid roads, with excellent shoulders." along with this note when going into New Mexico, "For the most part, US 66 through New Mexico is not as wide or well-paved as in Texas..."

*A Guide Book to Highway 66 by Jack D. Rittenhouse, University of New Mexico Press, Albuquerque, 1946. Reprint, 1989.*



# Get Your Kicks on Route 66 (Part 1) - Texas



160 mi. (113 mi.) Cross TEXAS-OKLAHOMA STATE LINE. At once the road improves, and a decorative stone marker welcomes you to this vast state. US 66 crosses a square, projecting northern section of the state, known as the "Panhandle," taking this name probably from the thin "handle" of Oklahoma which projects across, just above the northern line of this region. Texas has wide, splendid roads, with excellent shoulders. There are many roadside parks throughout this part of the state. You have been climbing steadily and slowly since you left Oklahoma City, but the rise has been hardly noticeable.

167 mi. (106 mi.) Gas station here. In this section, homes are supplied with natural gas from the surrounding rich fields. Meters are noticeable at the roadside by each home. Many homes have "windmill" generators, too.

168 mi. (105 mi.) US 66 here runs between several oil derricks, operated by the Phillips Petroleum Co. and the Magnolia Petroleum Co.

174 mi. (99 mi.) SHAMROCK. (Pop. 3,123; alt. 2,310'; Johnson Hotel; courts: Cross Road, Victoria, North End, 20 Trees, and Shamrock; garages: Burcham and Buck's; plenty of cafes—Dixie is good; all facilities.) Shamrock is obviously an oil town, and one of the most important oil centers in the rich Panhandle field. Many plants here produce carbon black, others are gasoline extraction plants. There are many large facilities producing natural gas—a former waste by-product. The main business section of Shamrock is off US 66.

For the next several miles, "windbreaks" can be seen along the highway—sometimes on the left, sometimes on the right, occasionally on both sides. The government has planted these "staggered" rows of trees to break the winds which drive down from the north, and thus prevent snow-drifts in winter and dust storms and erosion in the summer. These plantings are part of a huge project which spreads over thousands of square miles.

195 mi. (78 mi.) McLean. (Pop. 1,489; alt. 2,812'; Chevrolet garage; Hindman Hotel; courts: 20 Trees, H&H, Last Chance Court; gas; cafes; stores.) During World War II, a large prisoner of war camp was located just east of here.

Leaving McLean, you begin to enter on the vast Texas plains. In places, the plains are broken by deep "washes" or gullies, caused by erosion during rains. You will encounter several of these in the next 20 miles. The first sizable one is at 203 mi. (70 mi.), where the road dips into a wash about 75 feet deep and climbs the opposite side.

204 mi. (69 mi.) ALANREED. (Pop. 1,489; alt. 2,993'; Ranch House court; gas; cafes; few stores.) Some of the homes in this small town appear old enough to have survived from pioneer days.

212 mi. (61 mi.) Two of the deeper washes occur at this point. Short, steep grades down and up. US 66 now winds in great sweeping curves, down and up through several deep washes which present short grades. Gas station at 216 mi. (57 mi.) at junction of road (L) to Jericho.

Now you are upon the vast High Plains of the eastern Texas Panhandle. Straight, paved highways and great, efficient ranches now obliterate all traces of the big herds of buffalo which once roamed here, together with Indians: the Kiowas and Comanches. Mexican shepherds coming up from the south established the first small villages here, living with little friction among the Indians. With the coming of the cattlemen, the Mexicans departed but the Indians resisted, often desperately. Beneath the land lie deposits of helium and oil; the rich soil still provides cattle pasture but there are huge farms growing wheat and other grains.

The weather here is very fickle: storms of snow or rain come up suddenly on days which begin with sunshine; the unbelievably fierce winds, or "northers," bring sudden temperature drops and sometimes whip up clouds of sand. Trees are so scarce and other landmarks so infrequent that early settlers often marked their trails with stakes. The newcomer to this region is impressed with the almost limitless emptiness of the countryside.

Continuing on the treeless, flat plain, US 66 lies straight as a dropped arrow. At LARK, 236 mi. (37 mi.) are more grain elevators, a gas station with a store and postoffice, and a few railroad houses.

# Get Your Kicks on Route 66 (Part 1) - Texas



From this point west to the Arizona-California State Line, be on the alert for cattle crossing the highway, especially between dusk and dawn. Fences often break, and the animals amble slowly along and across the highways.

244 mi. (29 mi.) CONWAY. (Gas; small garage; cafe; store; one small court; limited facilities.) No gas station for the next 25 miles! Along Texas highways, dry uprooted tumbleweeds often roll across the road.

263 mi. (10 mi.) Entrance (R) to Amarillo Army Air Field, where giant bombers and smaller pursuit craft trained during World War II.

AMARILLO. (Pop. 70,000; alt. 3,676'; radio stations: KFDD—1230 kc., and KGNC—1440 kc.; 4 leading hotels and 40 smaller ones; 36 auto courts; many garages; all facilities.)

This early cow-town has become a bustling center of Panhandle activity: it is a wholesale center, oil headquarters, cattle shipping point, and railroad center. Amarillo is an outstanding retail market for all types of leather goods. Events include a Stock Show in March and

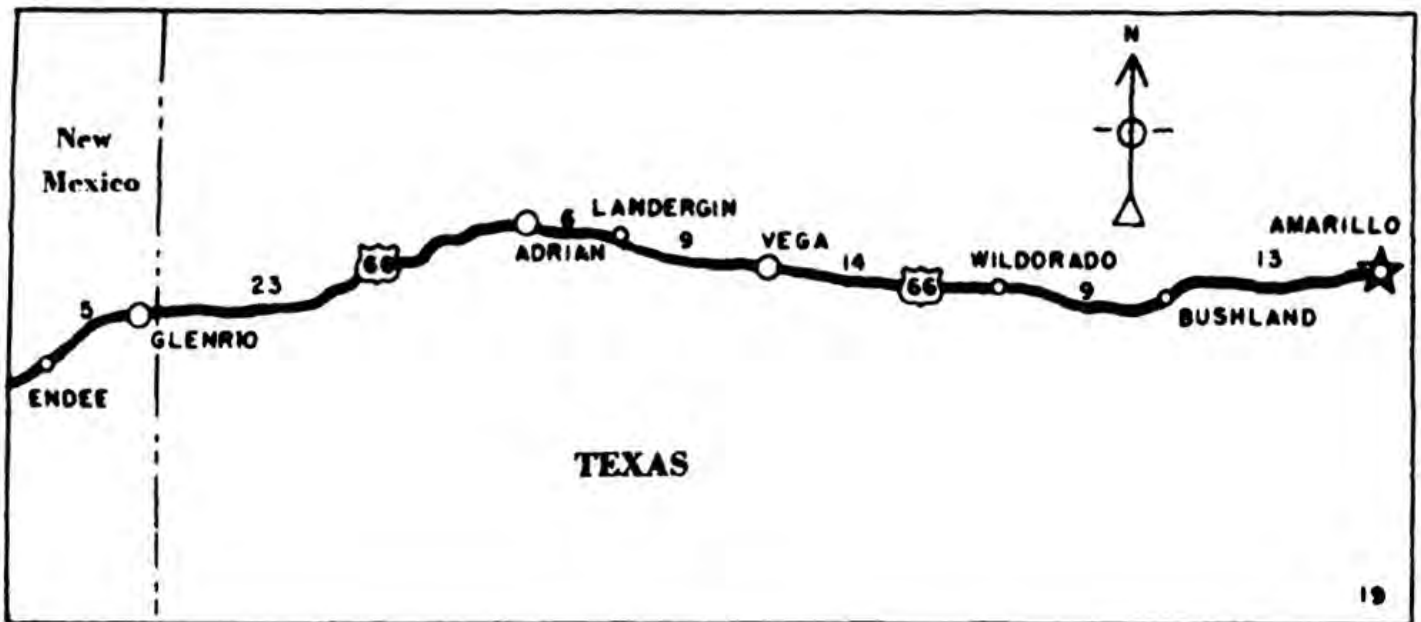
the Tri-State Fair each September. Amarillo is a growing air terminal. Old-timers state that in its early days, Amarillo had many homes built of stretched buffalo hides.

Hotels: Amarillo, Capitol, Herring, Pioneer, Ross, Milner, Blackstone, Elk; courts: Grande, Longhorn Log Lodges, Pueblo, Smith's, Spanish, Tha Best, Royal Palace, Gray-court, Ama-Tone, True-Rest, Pueblo, Forest Hill and Casa Mia. Garages include: Amarillo Auto Clinic, Amarillo Safety Lane, Electric Motor Service.

The post office in Amarillo is the location-point ending this section of your trip. US 66 goes through the center of town, and most of the courts are on the east side.

Twenty-five miles southwest of Amarillo is Palo Duro Canyon, worth visiting if you are spending any time in the vicinity of Amarillo. The Canyon is a chasm hundreds of feet deep and several miles long. If you want to ride a real Texas cow pony, you can hire one at the entrance to the park here.

One of the features of the southwest, pleasantly new to the easterner, are the cool nights, which are first noticed around Amarillo and which are found throughout the southwest, including California. As soon as the sun goes down, the temperature begins to drop, and even on warm days, a blanket will be welcome at night. If you are driving west during the summer, a coat is often welcome for night driving.



## CHAPTER VII AMARILLO, TEXAS, TO ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Now you enter the true west, on this leg of your journey over US 66 from Amarillo, Texas, to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Your trip takes you over the old "Staked Plains," past legendary mountains, up to an altitude over 7,000 feet, through Indian country and cattle ranges, past the haunts of Billy the Kid and other outlaws, into the city of the Conquistadores: Albuquerque, New Mexico's metropolis.

0 mi. (304 mi.) Leave Amarillo mid-town (post office). Note your speedometer reading in the margin of the page at this point. If starting your trip here, be sure to read Chapter I.

3 mi. (301 mi.) Pass a Veterans Hospital (R). US 66 makes a well-banked curve to the right, and at 7 mi. (297 mi.) you pass the UNITED STATES HELIUM PLANT (L). The plant is operated by the U. S. Dept. of the Interior, and produces nearly half the world's supply of helium. During World War II it was heavily guarded. A gas station is nearby.

## Get Your Kicks on Route 66 (Part 1) - Texas

13 mi. (291 mi.) BUSHLAND. (Pop. 21; gas; store; no tourist facilities.) A few railroad buildings, three grain elevators and a church complete this small village on the flat Texas plains.

22 mi. (282 mi.) WILDORADO. (Pop. 101; Wildorado garage; gas; cafe; grocery; no tourist accommodations.) Like Bushland, this small hamlet has only a few homes and the ever-present grain elevators to serve surrounding farms.

Now you are upon the "STAKED PLAINS," or "Llano Estacado" as the Spaniards called it. The origin of the name is disputed, but is generally taken to be derived from the legend that early pioneers drove stakes along their trails for lack of natural landmarks to guide them. Great Indian battles occurred on these plains, and they were the haunt of myriad buffalo. Adventuring Spaniards found them a dangerous desolation and many venture-some pioneers died here from thirst and Indian arrows. Later the plains were utilized by the cattle barons, and today most of the Texas section is devoted to grain production.

36 mi. (268 mi.) VEGA. (Pop. 515; alt. 4,030'; gas; cafes; three small auto courts; light auto repairs.) Vega derives its livelihood from tourists, and from shipments of grain and cattle. North of here about 22 miles is the ghost town of TASCOSA. Seventy years ago a store was located here, and the place soon boomed into a sizeable cowtown to which the cowboys went to "let off steam." It developed a rough

reputation and its "boot hill" cemetery grew. Familiar characters were Bat Masterson, Billy the Kid, and others famous on both sides of the law. Today it is the location of BOYS RANCH, a project similar to the famous "Boys' Town."

45 mi. (259 mi.) LANDERGIN. Listed on many maps as a "town," but actually consisting of a few railroad homes across the railroad tracks, but offering no tourist facilities—not even gas.

51 mi. (253 mi.) ADRIAN. (Pop. 250; cafe; gas; no garage or other tourist facilities.) Here, also, the village consists of a few homes, grain elevators, and the usual gas stations and cafe. The next gas station is at 56 mi. (248 mi.). At 61 mi. (243 mi.) is a state maintained roadside park with tables and fireplaces. No water.

74 mi. (230 mi.) GLENRIO. (Pop. 84; store; gas; no tourist facilities.) This town is shown on maps of both Texas and New Mexico, possibly justified by the fact that the TEXAS-NEW MEXICO STATE LINE is located here, with the railroad station east of the line, but with all the business establishments west of the line.

Now you are in New Mexico, a state rich with history. For the most part, US 66 through New Mexico is not as wide or well-paved as in Texas. ...



# Year in Review—2016

## January



Ten years ago at this time, I was probably at the lowest, crappiest point of my life that was the very definition of hopelessness. I was technically homeless even though I was living with a few other guys from church and sleeping on the floor. I was already there for about three months and would

be for about another month. I did have a part time job then, but it slowly became fewer and fewer hours. I did finally move into a duplex, but I really could not afford it. I did change jobs to something just slightly better. But by the fall, I became homeless again and later moved in with a newly married couple from church until summer the next year when I finally got a stable job and moved into an apartment where I stayed for a few years.

Over the past nearly 13 years that I have been saved, I am quite thankful that I've had specific people that have helped me and been able to help me in different areas where I've needed it! Now starting another new year much later than the above time period, I think I finally have some real hope again! God NEVER promises a smooth, easy life after being saved! We are not saved to have an easy life, we are saved from the punishment of our mistakes and from the separation from God! That starts the everlasting hope!

## February



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## March

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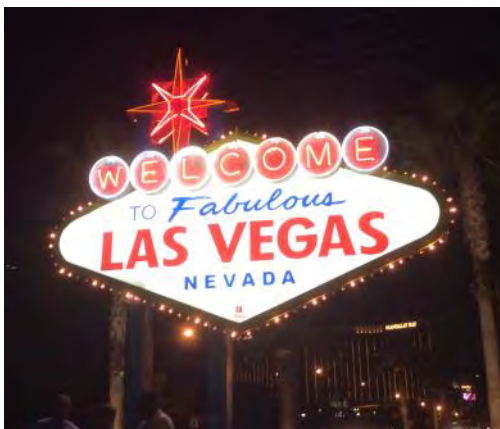
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## April



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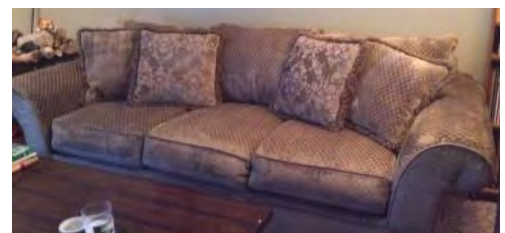
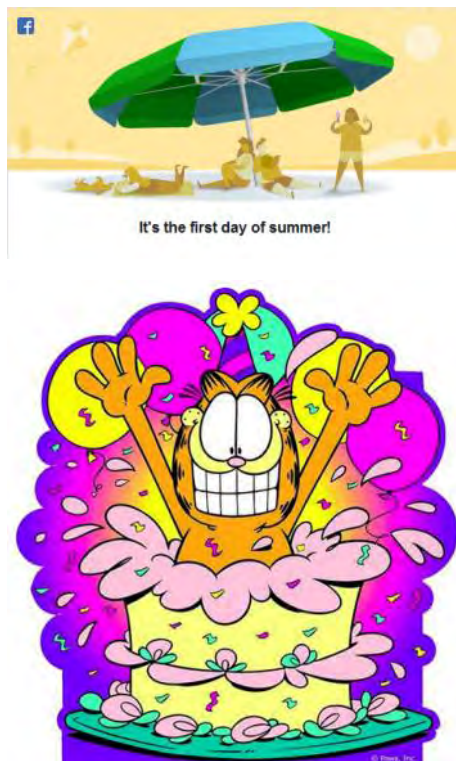
## May



NRHC Cataloging Project Off To a Good Start



## June



# Year in Review—2016

## July



happy birthday



## August



# Year in Review—2016

## September



Graphic Artist for Hi-Fidelity of Lubbock doing whatever graphic work and architectural work needed.

Just a thought: in my 44 years of life, I have come to understand over time that in this current age, people don't care about your age or experience, they do not want your ideas, they fail to recognize your talents, and only want you for whatever gains they think they can get out of you. This is no more obvious than in the workplace. I don't know exactly where or when this complete failure of society started, but I have observed that it is not getting better and is accelerating. While the Grace of God sustains us, it still cannot go against the will of man. Get ready good folks, the Heavenly Battle is much closer than we can ever perceive for the days of Noah have already been here.



## October





House cats come from wild cat lineage. So when a live tree just appears in their territory, they only do what is natural! But being a house cat, you can still tell them, "Bad kitty!"



# Upcoming Issues

The next issue will be sometime in January or early February 2017.  
Here's a preview of topics to come in future issues.



## Route 66 (continued)

We will continue with the famous Mother Road and move into New Mexico.



## XIT Ranch

What does the XIT Ranch in the Texas Panhandle have to do with the state Capitol building in Austin over 500 miles away? Learn some basic facts and see some interesting photos of this famous ranch that was sort of an afterthought at the turn of the century.



## Snowflakes

Did you know that snowflake macrophotography is a thing? Well, it exists and we'll explore some of the awesome snowflakes that are in plentiful supply this time of year!



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