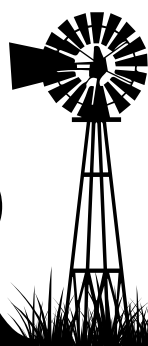


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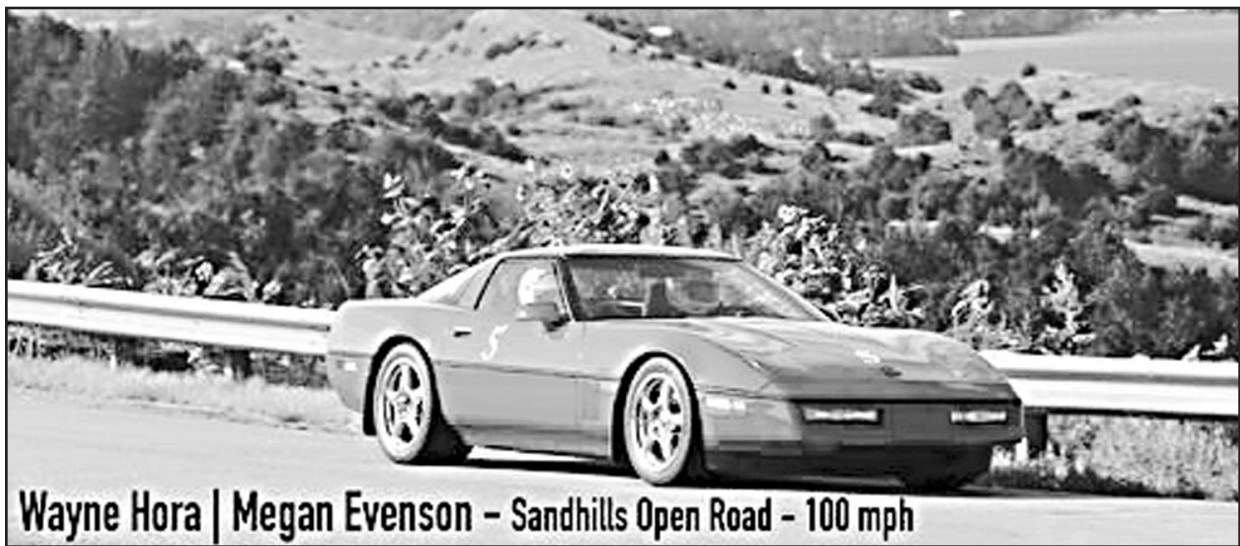
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Sole SORC survivor



Wayne Hora | Megan Evenson – Sandhills Open Road – 100 mph

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Wayne Hora of Stapleton, driver, and Megan Evenson of Lincoln, navigator, will take to the Sandhills Open Road Challenge race course once again in the #5 1990 ZR1 Corvette. Hora is the sole SORC driver to have competed in every Sandhills Open Road Challenge event since its inception in 2001. This includes starting and finishing every SORC race, the one-year grudge match at the Thomas County airport near Thedford, the one-mile shoot-out event near Callaway, and the newly instituted Loup 2 Loup race near Dunning.

When Wayne Hora of Stapleton was interviewed in August of 2001, prior to the inaugural running of the Sandhills Open Road Challenge, he was quoted as saying, “I want to go faster than the speed limit, and do it legally.”

Hora, now considerably older, is still saying the same thing he did 16 years ago. Wayne and his daughter, Megan Evenson of Lincoln, are ready for the 17th running of the SORC on Saturday, August 12, near Arnold.

Hora is the “sole” SORC survivor. He is the only driver to have started and finished every Sandhills Open Road Challenge race. He entered and competed in the grudge match drag race held in 2008 at the Thomas County airport near Thedford under the direction of good friends, Roy and the late Korinda Licking. He has traveled every year in the dark, dodging deer, to the road near Callaway for the one-mile shootout. He signed up for the first Loup 2 Loup race and has competed in every one since the inception of this new race. But this year will mark the end. Hora has decided to bow out of the Loup 2 Loup in 2017, due to time restrictions.

“I’ve enjoyed participating in every event, but it does take a lot of time, and Megan can’t come out for the Loup 2 Loup to help navigate,” Hora said. “I guess it’s just time that chapter comes to an end and another one begins.”

Hora got involved in racing in the SORC after encouragement from his friend, Joe Shown.

“Joe came into the Vet’s Club in Stapleton one night and started talking about this crazy idea he had. He wanted to race like they did in Europe and close down a road so he could do it legally. After Joe left we all just shook our heads,” Hora said.

Shown took his idea in March of 2000 to the Custer County Supervisors and Don Olson promoted the idea after talking to community officials from Lee, Nevada. Olson believed the road race would be a boost to Arnold and Custer County. Arnold Chamber of Commerce members got on board and helped get the race off the ground. Several key people stepped up to offer assistance.

On August 11, 2001, the first ever SORC began with 36 cars entered and 34 starting and finishing the race. Gary Patterson, vice president of operations, Silver State Classic Challenge, Inc., was instrumental in helping with the inaugural event and has continued to this day.

Shown says he still gets a lump in his throat at the starting line. His idea has come to fruition and it is heartening that something he dreamed about became a reality. Shown first drove the road race course in 1978.

“I was an Army Reserve recruiter and needed to go to Dunning and Brewster. I looked at a map and noticed the blacktop road north of Arnold. I decided to take it and thought how great it would be to drive this road knowing you weren’t going to meet anyone,” Shown said. “It wasn’t until I bought my LT1 Corvette and later my ZR1, that I really started pursuing closing the road in earnest.”

The rest, as they say, is history.



MARCIA HORA PHOTOS

Ann Wells of Stapleton and Wayne Hora pose in front of Car #73, a 1988 Corvette, that ran in the very first SORC race in 2001. This picture was taken at the first car show held in downtown Arnold, and is in front of Reed’s Food Center. This was the first and last race for the ‘88 Corvette as it was traded in on the ZR1.



Wayne Hora and navigator, Donny Dailey, with the ZR1 Corvette that has ran in every event except the inaugural race.

“Joe talked me into getting into that first race and I was hooked,” Hora said.

Donny Dailey of Stapleton served as navigator in the early years.

“During the first years, Ann Wells would pay my entry fee and give me spending money,” Hora said. “Whenever I would think about giving it up, she’d always encourage me to enter again the next year.”

There have been some placings in the past 16 years.

“We have won some plaques, but it is really tough to place and there are some very good drivers who

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31st annual Firemen’s BBQ



MARCIA HORA PHOTOS

Mary Weems and Ann Wells, both of Stapleton, get a lift from Teejay Myers at the Stapleton Volunteer Firemen’s barbecue Saturday evening, July 29. A good number of people turned out for the pulled pork sandwiches and sweet corn in the Stapleton Park. Firemen were able to renovate the inside of the former East Side Service station with last year’s proceeds. Contributions also went to purchase Ped-a-Mate restraints for transporting infants and children up to 40 pounds in the ambulance. Fire trucks will be upgraded with heavier duty bumpers and tow ropes.

Stapleton Volunteer Firemen say thank you to those who attended and for your contributions and support.



Serving up pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, and sweet corn at the 31st annual Stapleton Firemen’s barbecue were, l-r: Amber Webster, Sadie Dimmitt, and Robin Dimmitt.

Eclipse volunteers still needed

Shuttle bus drivers are needed for the 2017 Total Solar Eclipse on the Range. If you would like to help out in this way, or in another way, please contact Gary or Liz Johnsen, overall coordinators at 308-636-8900 (Gary) or 308-636-8374 (Liz).

Gwen Gill, who is in charge of the Craft Fair Extravaganza, reported that all spaces have been sold and she is setting up a few outside of Skip Hecox’s building located on the north end of main street.

See the ad inside this issue for a complete rundown of Eclipse events in Stapleton.

Farm Bureau to make annual meeting plans

Logan County Farm Bureau will meet Monday, August 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Senior Citizen’s room of the Stapleton Community Center.

Plans will be made for the annual meeting to be held in October, Eclipse activities, and legislative issues will be discussed.

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Weather



DATE	HI	LOW	MT
18	92	63	0
19	88	64	0
20	103	67	.04
21	91	66	.01
22	103	68	0
23	84	55	0
24	96	59	.01

Observations: Wind, 21 MPH on July 18; 22 MPH on July 19; 23 MPH on July 20; 24 MPH on July 22. Thunder was recorded on July 18, 19, 20. Fog on July 19 and 21 with haze on July 23 and 24. The temperature was 85 degrees at 11:00 p.m. on July 19.