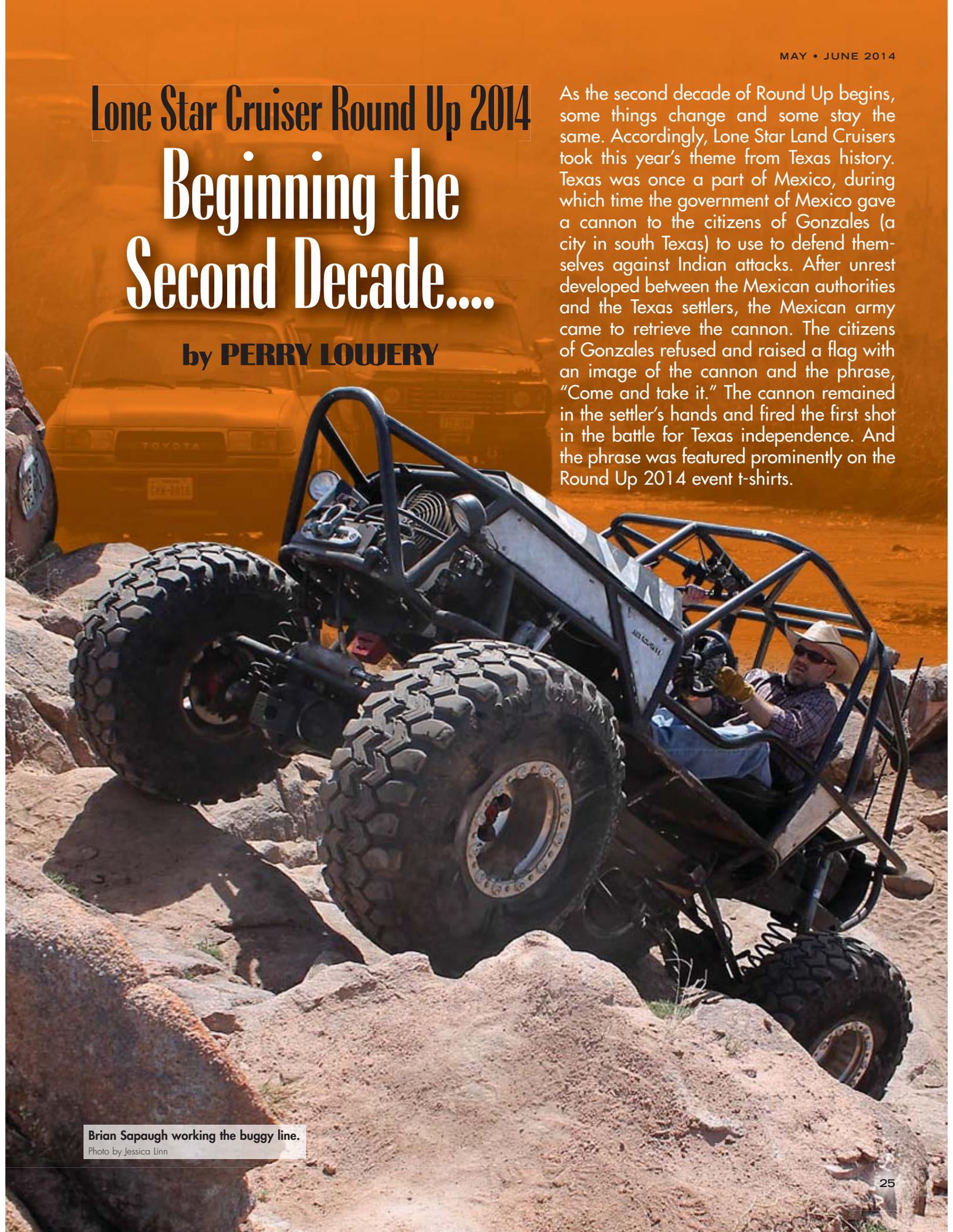


# Lone Star Cruiser Round Up 2014

## Beginning the Second Decade....

by **PERRY LOWERY**

As the second decade of Round Up begins, some things change and some stay the same. Accordingly, Lone Star Land Cruisers took this year's theme from Texas history. Texas was once a part of Mexico, during which time the government of Mexico gave a cannon to the citizens of Gonzales (a city in south Texas) to use to defend themselves against Indian attacks. After unrest developed between the Mexican authorities and the Texas settlers, the Mexican army came to retrieve the cannon. The citizens of Gonzales refused and raised a flag with an image of the cannon and the phrase, "Come and take it." The cannon remained in the settler's hands and fired the first shot in the battle for Texas independence. And the phrase was featured prominently on the Round Up 2014 event t-shirts.

A photograph of a man wearing a cowboy hat and sunglasses driving a dune buggy on a rocky, desert trail. The buggy is a four-wheeled vehicle with a roll-over protection structure and large, knobby tires. The driver is looking towards the right. The background shows a sandy, rocky landscape under a clear sky. In the upper left, a portion of a white Toyota SUV is visible.

**Brian Sapaugh working the buggy line.**  
Photo by Jessica Linn



**Catfish Linn eases his Tacoma off the rocks.**

Photo by Jessica Linn

Our first Round Up of the second decade was once again held at Katemcy Rocks near Mason, Texas. This has become our unofficial home away from home. Randy Kruse and Shain Chapman, the park owners, go out of their way to make sure everyone has a great time. Randy led the county road tour

again this year and Shain did more than his fair share of spotting.

We had the usual suspects from California back again this year.... Fourteen hundred plus mile drives (in each direction) are a good indicator of how this event has



**Ashley Old out for a crawling lesson with Brian Sapaugh.**

Photo by Jessica Linn

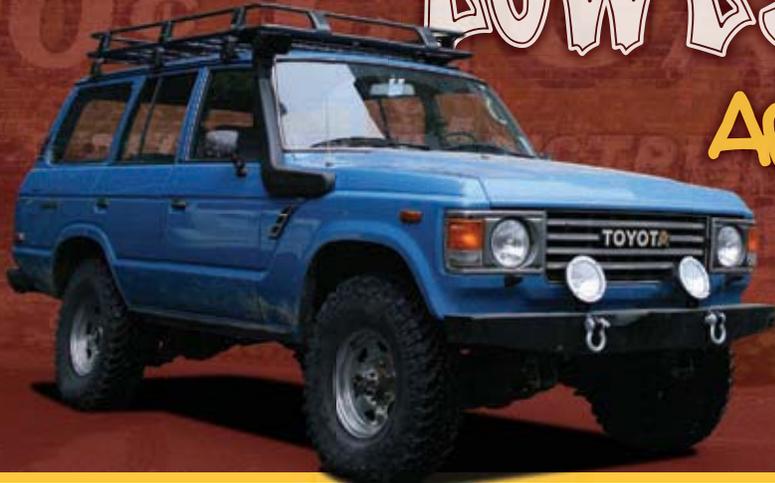
become a tradition with the attendees. Marlin and Christine from Marlin Crawler; Rob Tygart and his clan; Georg and Dominic from Valley Hybrids; Ross Woody, our fearless TLCA leader; and Nick Demarest, who won the Iron Butt Award driving his beautiful diesel FJ45 over sixteen hundred miles each way. Nick wasn't afraid to challenge his well-built rig on the rocks either.

Our friends from Mississippi were also out in force... every year they say twelve hours is too far to drive and every year they keep coming back. Special thanks to Jeff

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**Heather Royston out crawling for the first time in her recently acquired FJ40 buggy.**

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Murrah... I sing, I print shirts and I look good in a big hat. Also thanks to Debbie and Chris Tolleson from 49 Tire for helping out and supporting the event! Chris also looks good in a big hat but not as good as Den Mom Deb....

Of course we continue to emphasize that the Round Up is a family oriented event. Along with the regular raffle, we continued the traditional children's raffle. We have also added more events for the wagon crowd. There were several "No Dent" rides that allowed rigs and drivers to be challenged without fear of damage. I personally demonstrated how to avoid a tree branch on the trail by showing what happens when you turn too close... add one hardtop window to my parts list.

The county road tour was back again this year and better than ever. We stopped in the small town of London (Texas) for lunch. After several river crossings and ranch road tours, we ended up at a scenic overlook of the Llano River. Talks are in the works for an expedition run next year with camping at this location.

Texas has claimed some recent transplants and they made a good showing again this year. Brian Sapaugh, Heather Royston and John Bomar (sans truck) all enjoyed time on the rocks in their adopted home state.

Our chapter has changed throughout the years as people come and go.



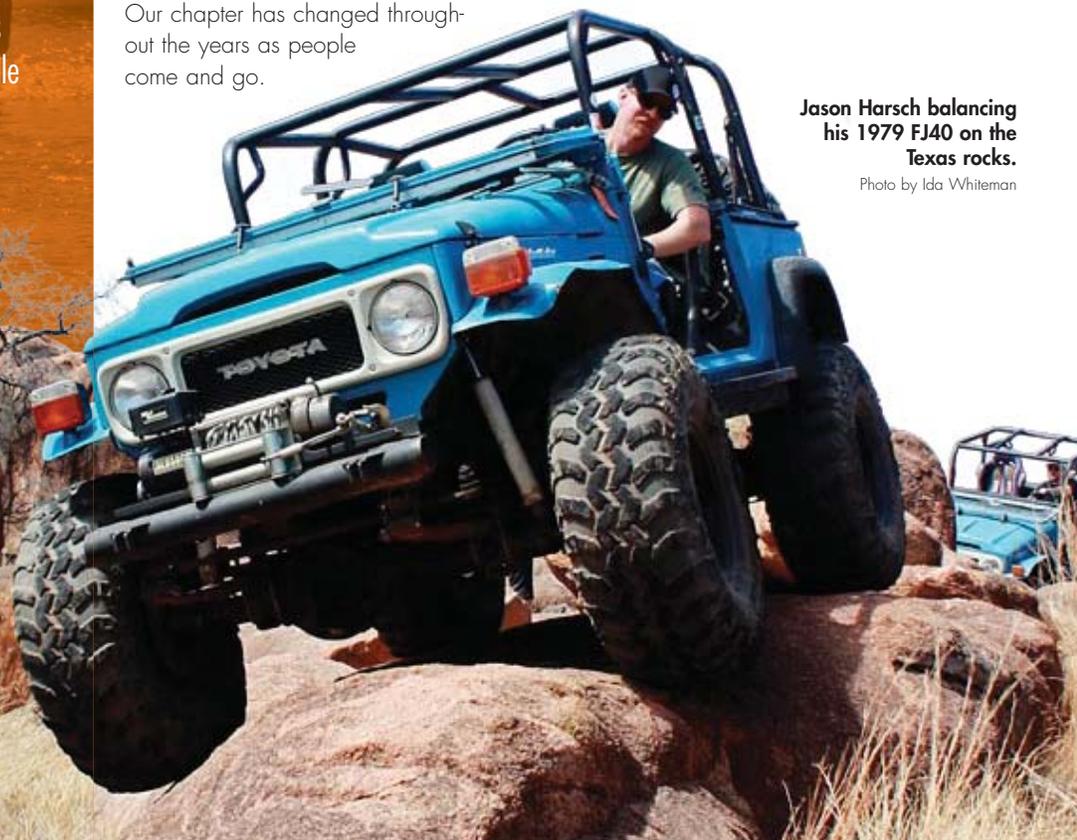
**Hang on tight and enjoy the ride—Georg Esterer flexing his Land Cruiser at K2.** Photo by Charles Kim

We have a great group of people and several took on extra responsibilities this year. Jeff Old and I would like to especially thank Georg De Preter, who took on the role of refreshment chairman (thanks for the Shiner, Joe!). Thanks also to Mike Frisbee, who not only donated raffle prizes from his company but also solicited some great donations from manufacturers and brought CK Customs on board as a sponsor. Mike and Debbie Costello were a great help at the registration table, especially since Nick Stone was on the sidelines.... get well soon, Nick!

Thanks to everyone for coming out this year... no one took me up on the money back guarantee so I'm sure we will see some new faces again next year, along with our old friends as we ask....

RU12... Round Up-12 next March.

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**Jason Harsch balancing his 1979 FJ40 on the Texas rocks.**

Photo by Ida Whiteman