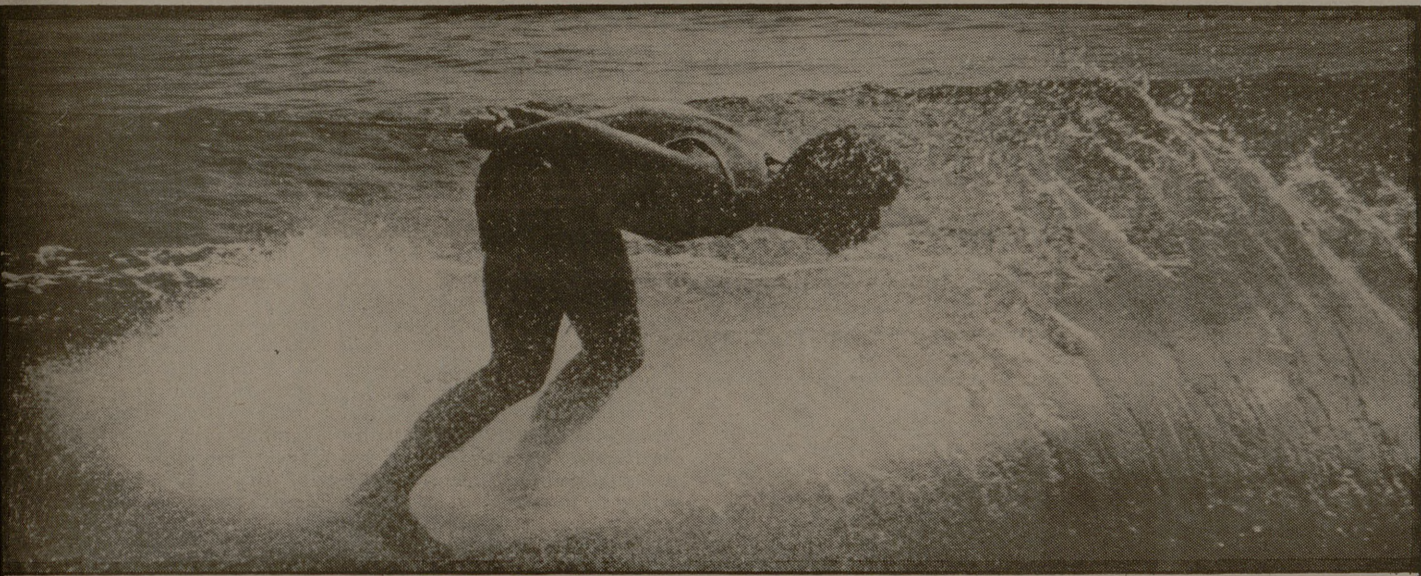


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# Missing plane found parked on runway



**Bent over backwards**

Photo by Stewart Mitchell

Tuper Wood demonstrates his skill on shoe skis at the Texas A&M Waterski Club's first show held Sept. 5 and 6 at

Hilltop Lakes Resort. The club will enter the Baylor University skiing tournament this weekend in Hillsboro.

United Press International  
ALAMOSA, Colo. — Six Texans, weary from a Labor Day fishing trip, returned to their airplane Monday to get some less-than-friendly attention from Colorado Civil Air Patrol officials.

More than 60 people conducted an extensive weekend search for the plane, found late Sunday night parked on a ramp at the Mineral County Airport at Creede.

Maj. Richard Oakes of the Colorado CAP said the pilot of the missing Piper Saratoga forgot to close his flight plan from Dallas to Alamosa Saturday afternoon.

Pilot William Scott, 25, of Weatherford was surprised to learn of the search from deputies of the Hinsdale County Sheriff's Department. He was contacted Sunday morning at the Quiet Valley Ranch, south of Lake City.

Scott landed at Creede, 70 miles northwest of his Alamosa destination, and left with five passengers for an isolated fishing outing. He told Hinsdale Sheriff Burton Smith he had radioed his change in plans to a ground control center in Alamosa.

A spokeswoman for the Alamosa Airport said Monday no contact was made with the pilot.

Meanwhile, CAP units in Colorado, New Mexico and Texas gathered at Alamosa for an intensive search of the Sangre De Cristo mountain range along the Col-

orado-New Mexico border. By Sunday, 60 people were scanning the range for any sign of the plane.

A tip from a co-owner of the aircraft directed the CAP to the small Creede airfield late Sunday night. An airport employee remembered a group of five or six people unloading the plane Saturday afternoon, even though a flight service station official at the field previously told the CAP the plane was not parked on the ramp.

"The story has a good ending, even though it is a little bit frustrating," Oakes said.

Redneck to follow?

## 'Dillos trudge north

United Press International  
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — It has been a long journey from the South American tropical rain forests that gave him birth, but the armadillo has hurdled every stumbling block nature or man has managed to place in his way — be it wide rivers and deserts, irate farmers with shotguns or 18-wheeler semis bearing down on him like some primeval pachyderm.

And it's been a time consuming trip. *Dasyus novemcinctus* — "the nine-banded one," so named because of the nine scaly bands on his back — has been moving northward for at least the past 10,000 years.

He first reached the Yucatan Peninsula about 2,000 years ago. He then was spotted in the Rio Grande Valley in the 1850's by naturalist John James Audubon.

By the early part of this century he had migrated into Oklahoma and Louisiana. He's even been seen as far east as Florida.

So it should come as no surprise that the little humpbacked 'dillo has finally reached the southern regions of Kansas and Missouri.

In late June, Kansas animal control officer Terry Miller captured one of the first migrants wandering leisurely across a Haysville, Kan., yard. Miller tossed it into the rear of his pickup truck, offered it unsuccessfully to the local zoo and then released it on the outskirts of town where it promptly sought the safety of a nearby Cowskin Creek.

When last seen, it was dogpadding toward the setting sun.

According to Ken Sadler of the Conservation Department, there were quite a few reports of armadillos in Missouri in the early 1970s, but a series of cold winters drove them back to the Sun Belt.

So now they have returned. And now that they have returned, what can midwesterners do about it, if, indeed, they want to do anything about it? One need look only as far as Texas for an answer.

In 1968, the ultra-chic Neiman Marcus Christmas catalogue offered armadillos for sale with the following ad:

"Armadillo, anyone? Imagine him burrowing quietly under the Christmas tree or at your side for

afternoon walks."

Since then the armadillo has also been claimed as the official mascot of the pseudo-redneck, urban cowboy crowd, which currently claims the music of Willie Nelson as its own.

And the student body of the University of Texas at Austin briefly considered — mostly in jest — changing the name of their football team from the Longhorns to the Fightin' Armadillos.

But Texans have been celebrating National Armadillo Week since 1961, usually as an excuse to drink large quantities of beer on a warm summer day. 'Dillo races now are as common in the Lone Star State as rattlesnake roundups.

Armadillo World Headquarters, a former armory turned beer hall, became the sanctuary for the progressive country music of the '70s. During this period Gary P. Nunn penned the following refrain for his "London Homesick Blues":

"Goin' home to the armadillo, To country music from Amarillo  
An' Ab-i-leen."

The armadillo has even had an effect on medical science. Due to his low 90-degree body temperature, he has become the sole animal used in the prognosis and treatment of leprosy. The low body temperature provides a wonderful storehouse for billions of leprosy bacteria.

All this sounds fine, but what about the 'dillo's bad points?

Few other creatures seem to require as many homes. Stockmen and farmers — those who seem to be the most bothered by armadillos — claim burrowing is the animal's most common activity outside of breathing.

Methods of extermination are few. A superb broken-field runner, the armadillo can evade all but the most excellent marksmen. Poison is ineffective and generally proves lethal to every other animal in the vicinity.

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