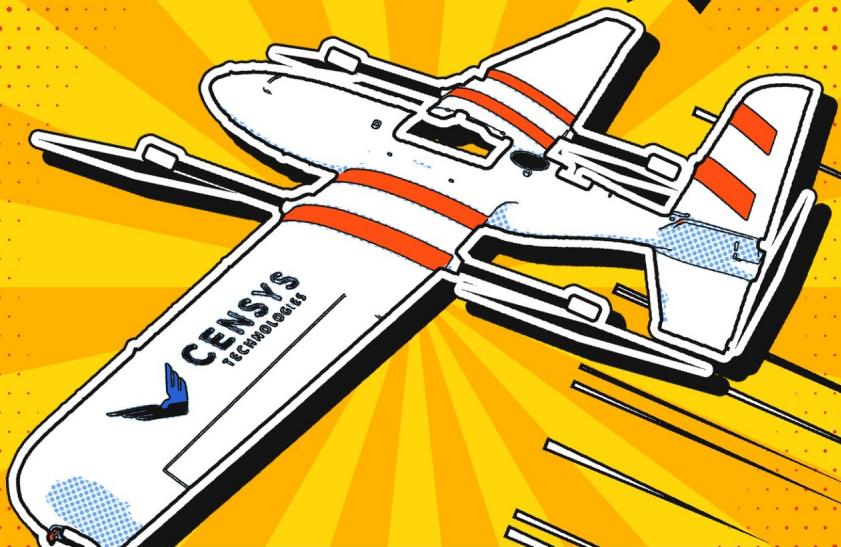


AIVE FIELD STORIES

EPISODE NO. 2 • TEXAS HWY 16

**WIND VS. VTOL! ONE
SHORT, TENSE FLIGHT!**

**GEO-
REGISTERED!**



GUEST STAR: THE INSPECTOR (A COW)

NINE MILES WEST

AIVE to the rescue: less georegistering, more flying.

NINE MILES WEST

We spent a windy morning on Hwy 16 with two drones and mapped one stretch of the Llano River.



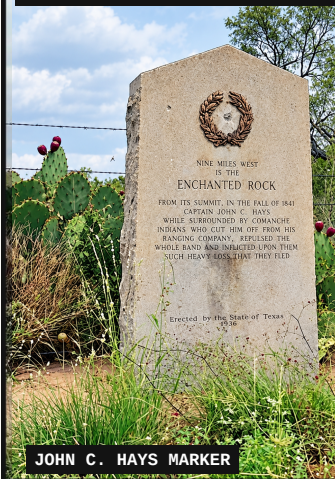
Oxford was home to about 300 people in the 1890s. Today it is a cemetery, ranch land and a gravel pull-off. About five miles east, a Spanish expedition dug for silver in 1756. The ore was poor, but the Lost Spanish Mine legend has drawn treasure hunters ever since. We planned to fly the highway with our VTOL, but the wind only allowed one short flight, so we didn't push it and switched to a smaller drone.

THE STONE AND THE ROCK

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Texas put up this marker in 1936. It says Capt. John C. Hays, single handedly, held off a Comanche band on Enchanted Rock, nine miles west, in 1841... But historians have questions about the one-sided account.

09:49 AM · DRONE
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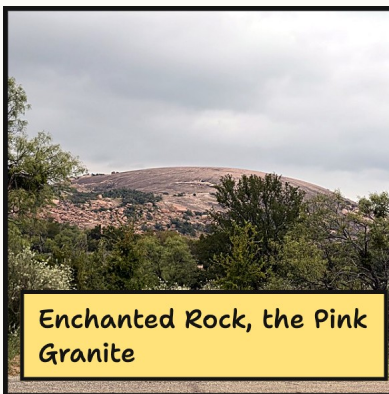
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Mission control:
one tailgate.



Enchanted Rock, the Pink
Granite



We had short flights at both the John C Hays marker that points Nine Miles West and again just outside the Enchanted Rock Natural Area

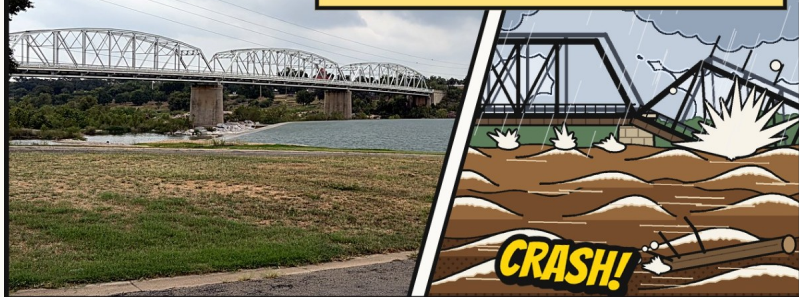
PITTSBURGH OF THE WEST

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From there we drove about 15 miles north on Hwy 16, back past Oxford and into Llano.

10:38 AM • LLANO

The Roy B. Inks Bridge went up in 1936, after a June 1935 flood washed out the old one.



10:46 AM



Our third flight with the smaller drone, on the Llano River.

From 1886 to 1893, Llano had an iron ore boom and was expected to become the Pittsburgh of the West. North-side streets were named Birmingham, Pittsburgh and Bessemer, but the planned furnace was never finished.

Hwy 16 follows Bessemer Avenue across the bridge we mapped using Atlas Geo.

ATLAS GEO: FROM FLIGHT TO MAP

Atlas Geo aligns our flight images to the basemap.

THE FLIGHT BECOMES THE MAP.

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We flew it. Atlas Geo put it on the map.

Now the bridge, banks and town share one frame.



— RED OUTLINE = DRONE UPDATE FOOTPRINT

LOOK WHAT WE CAN SEE

Water: the pool appears greener and more textured; angular patches show where drone images meet.

Banks: north-bank greenery appears fuller, with more distinct trees and shoreline edges.

Town: roofs, roads and bridge details stand out, with stronger shadows in the updated imagery.

Drone: Sept. 30, 2026. Satellite capture date: unknown.

Clarity enhanced for presentation; water levels unmeasured.

Sources: City of Llano / bridge marker / AIVE

THE REAL TREASURE

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TREASURE #1 Atlas Geo registered our flight to the satellite basemap while we made our way to the second treasure. The red outline marks our drone update; outside it, the satellite base remains. Fresh river, bank and town detail - already in place.



TREASURE #2

Llano's silver and iron never paid off, but Cooper's mesquite pits are still going.

We do real things, and we don't cut corners.

GROUND TRUTH, MAPPED.

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Shot Sept. 30, 2026.

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