

## **Bad Boys Are The Best**

By Tes Randle Jolly

ATVs and hunting. Like many hunters I've have had a love/hate relationship from the first one I owned. I love how an ATV takes me to otherwise inaccessible places but I hate how wildlife becomes conditioned to associate the engine noise, gas and exhaust fumes with danger. I've witnessed deer clearing a greenfield on numerous occasions at the first sound of an ATV in the distance. Thankfully, Bubba Kaiser and Joe Palermo put their skills to work and through trial and error created the outstanding Bad Boy Buggy, the first ever electric, 4WD ATV workhorse that's so quiet I heard Texas Rios gobbling and an ill-tempered rattlesnake buzzing while driving the vehicle.

Tom Mansell, Bad Boy Buggies manufacturers representative, and Jim Willard, marketing director, coordinated with Brenda Potts of Midwest Legacy Marketing, to host a recent turkey/hog hunt at Mansell's Broken Ridge Ranch showcasing the Bad Boy Buggy. Greg Martin, editor of Real Hunter's Journal, Rick White, Hunter's Specialties Pro Staffer, and outdoor writers, Lisa Price and myself were the lucky invitees. The hunt at Broken Ridge offered a target rich environment. Rio Grande turkeys and hogs were everywhere traveling through the mesquite/cactus flats and boulder strewn oak ridges. Less than ten minutes after arriving in camp I was convinced the Bad Boy is a hunter friendly vehicle. Clint Bronson and I made a silent stalk in the Bad Boy then walked the final yards to within rifle range of a fat sow perfect for the grill. The next day I shot a gobbling Rio as did Greg and Rick. Between turkey hunts hogs were a fun diversion. The Bad Boy made it easy to cover lots of ground glassing for the porkers. Everyone had shot opportunities.

Outstanding, belt-busting southwestern style meals expertly prepared by Clint Bronson were a culinary delight. Simply the very best food I've ever had on a hunt, hands down, even though I'll be spending extra time on the treadmill! Clint's wife, Ronel, a Bad Boy Buggies distributor, made everyone feel like family and saw to everyone's needs.

The Bad Boy not only runs quiet as a whisper, it has the power to excel in rugged terrain, mud, rocks, and steep slopes. There's cargo space galore, a roof rack, front rack, and the back seat folds down for added cargo area to haul gear & game. What impresses me most is the ability to hear ambient sounds and scout areas without disturbing game or leaving human scent on the ground. It's a timesaver, leg saver, (for Over-the-Hill types) and great for introducing women, children and persons with disabilities to the outdoors.

This was truly one of the best hunts I've attended. Yes, there were plenty of turkeys and hogs to hunt from Bad Boys but the best part is always the laughter and friendships born when good folks come together to share adventures in the outdoors.